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THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

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WHILE we are not told how many wise men visited the Lord Jesus, the Word of God does state that when they opened their treasures, they presented Him with three gifts. From this account many people feel justified in saying there were three Wise Men.

While this is not a doctrine to argue over, nor an issue worth disputing, it is our conviction that there were more than three wise men, possibly a great number, in view of the fact that they had just made a journey from the East.

One thing about the visit of the Wise Men that is important, is the nature of their gifts. It was no accident that they gave the Lord Jesus Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

It was no coincidence that they did not find Him in Jerusalem. It was not by accident that a Star led them to the place where the Babe lay. Every incident in this story was in accordance with the Divine plan and program of God.

We can be definitely sure that the Holy Spirit, in leading Matthew to write the Book that bears his name, had a purpose in placing every word and sentence in this, the Sacred record.

While we firmly believe that Christ was about two years of age when the Wise Men came (see Matthew 2:16), we desire to present several outstanding and more important truths, which we believe God intended for us to see.

The Wise Men stated that they were looking for One who was "born King." How true to Scripture is this statement;

for truly He was King before He was born. He was not *made* a King; He was *born* King!

The Wise Men worshipped Him. As it was then, so it is now, the part of wisdom to worship the Lord Jesus. Those who do so, are of a truth wise!

Each of the three gifts . . . Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, sets forth a Divine truth taught elsewhere in the Scripture. The presentation of these gifts speak, in language symbolical and figurative, the message of the Gospel.

They gave Him gold — for He was King. They presented Him with Frankincense — indicating that He had come to be the Saviour.



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The Symbolism

It goes without question that Gold is the Kingly gift. It is clear from Old Testament Scripture that Frankincense was the oil used in connection with the Priesthood. A study of Genesis 37:25, Exodus 15, Ruth 1, Proverbs 7:17 and Mark 15:23 will indicate that Myrrh speaks of suffering, sorrow, sin, death.

While He was on the Cross of Calvary,

the Lord Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of which the Myrrh spoke. That is, He became our Saviour! He suffered in our stead, bore our sorrow, paid the penalty of sin, and died that we might live.

Today in Heaven, He is making use of the Frankincense, for even now He is our great High Priest, our Advocate, interceding for us. (Hebrews 4:14-16). When Christ returns again, He will fulfill that of which the Gold spoke . . . namely, He will come as King!

Born the King! He died as our Saviour! He lives as our High Priest. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

Isaiah 60 gives a picture of His Second Coming. At this momentous event, people will again go to see Him. Again they will bring Him gifts. Again they will present unto Him Gold . . . because He will be King. They will offer Him Frankincense . . . because He will be Priest. But no mention is made of Myrrh, in connection with His rule on earth. It will be omitted, because there will be no sorrow!

While we do not know the exact date of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, we do know the time of His entrance into this world. It was night when He was born in Bethlehem. But when the messengers of Heaven heralded His birth, the darkness gave way to light, and the "glory of the Lord shone round about them."

It was quite different at His death. The very opposite took place. As the darkness gave way to light when He was born, just so the light gave way to darkness when He died.

This was no mere accident, nor a coincidence. It was the language of creation, giving a message that spoke louder than words. God was governing the natural world on both occasions, and would have us know that when Jesus was born, light had come into the world.

But when wicked men took Him and

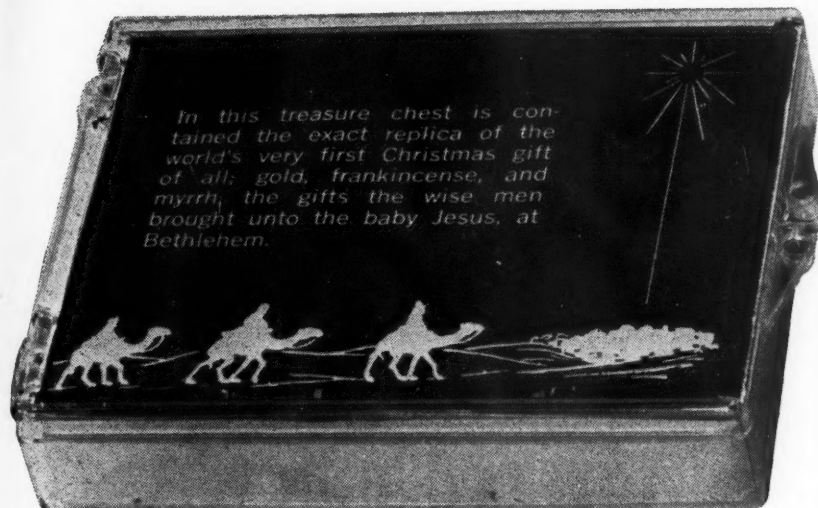
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nailed His body to the tree, they gave proof that they did not want the light. Since the death of Christ on Calvary, the world has been groping in darkness, unable to find its way out of the labyrinth of error and sin. Only those who, by faith, accept Christ as Lord, come to the light and the knowledge of the Truth.

Bethlehem of Judaea

We know also the place of His birth. He was born in Bethlehem. Had the story of His birth been invented by men, they would have had the King born in Jerusalem, but not so with the plan of God.

Christ will some day return to Jerusalem, but this will be when He comes back to earth to reign as King. His first coming had to do with the cross, but not a throne. Hence He was born in Bethlehem, "The House of Bread."

It was most proper and fitting that it should be this way, for was not He the Bread of Life? Did He not liken Himself to the corn of wheat that must "fall into the ground and die?" How significant then, that He, the Bread of Life, should be born in a city with a name which, being interpreted, means "House of Bread."

We also know the manner of His birth. He was born of a virgin. He had no earthly father. Joseph was not the father of Jesus. On the contrary, Jesus was his creator.

Long before Joseph himself was born, Christ the Lord was in heaven with God the Father. To say that Jesus was

born of a virgin does not imply that Mary was the "mother of God," although we do acknowledge Christ to be "God in the flesh."

The birth of Christ was a miracle. A miracle from beginning to end. The only contribution Mary made to the earthly life of the Son of God was to be the means whereby the Saviour would come into the world... a Man, a member of the Royal Family, fulfilling the law and the prophets.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not inherit a "human nature" from Mary. Had this been true, He could not have been the Saviour. The miracle of the Virgin Birth was simply God's way of having His Son become clothed with the garment of the flesh, but it was not sinful flesh, it was only "in the likeness of sinful flesh." (Romans 8:3)

We know also, the purpose of His birth. He came to die! Nothing else brought the Lord Jesus from heaven to earth. The final message from heaven on the night Jesus was born proclaimed "He shall save His people from their sins." But how? God says "without shedding of blood, there is no remission" of sins. (Hebrews 9:22)

The Cradle and the Cross are inseparable. Between His birth and death we have, of course, His matchless, sinless, perfect life, but His ministry on earth was simply a means to an end. The Cross was His goal! He had come to die. (John 12:27-33) It was necessary that He be born as He was born, in order that He might die the death that He died.

HOW TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S DAY

1. Begin on Saturday night. Time was when shoes were polished and clothes for Sunday were selected on Saturday night. These little disciplines helped even a boy appreciate the necessity of preparing for Sunday carefully. Family prayers on Saturday night helped tune the hearts of parents and children for the sacred obligations of the day.

2. Get up at a reasonable time on Sunday morning. When even one member of the family has to rush around to get dressed because he "slept in," the entire family is affected.

3. Take time for private devotion.

4. Eat breakfast as a family. One pastor asked the children in a Sunday School class how many of them had to prepare their own breakfasts on that morning, and more than half of them raised their hands.

5. Push away everything that clutters the mind. Begin by selecting radio programs that give Sunday a worshipful start.

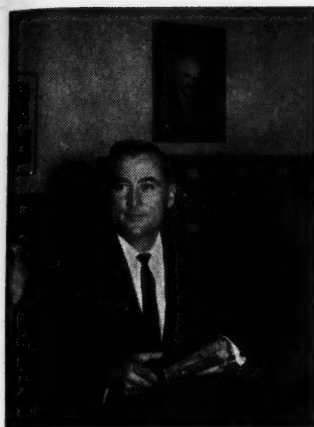
6. Empty your home of its members and fill the house of God with worshippers. More and more public worship is becoming less and less a family experience.

7. Encourage a high premium on worship. Instruct the children beginning at an early age concerning church attendance.

The Psalmist put a high premium on preparation for worship when he asked, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?" Do you recall the answer? "He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

—Thomas F. Chilcoat, Jr.

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LET US DRIVE LIKE CHRISTIANS

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WITH THE HOLIDAY season approaching, I feel a word about safe driving is in order. It is my conviction that Christian people ought to provide an example in the matter of caution and courtesy when they get behind a steering wheel.

Need I remind you that automobile travel these days is hazardous, especially during the holidays. Highway deaths in this country add up to a national disgrace. Some 13,000,000 automobile accidents occur every year that kill 40,000 persons, injure 2,000,000 more and destroy property worth \$7,500,000,000.

Something must be done to halt this tide of destruction, for it is getting worse each year. Take my home State of Oklahoma, for example. The number of deaths on the highway at this writing exceeds that at this same time last year. In 1959, 642 families suffered the loss of loved ones in highway accidents. Throughout the nation, the total of automobile accidents is increasing at the rate of about 300,000 a year, piling up a grim annual record of more deaths, injuries and destruction.

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I am convinced that Christians can and must lead the way to safe and sane driving on our highways, for the reason that Christian principles, when applied, produce the kind of conduct that makes for good driving. There is a sense in which the Bible is a book of traffic rules for safety. For example, here are some precepts on courtesy and caution *right up to date* from the Book of books, compiled a few years ago by Dr. James D. Murch.

Obey the law. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake—1 Peter 2:13.

Stop, look and listen. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them—Proverbs 20:12.

Be responsible. To him that knoweth
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to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin—James 4:17.

Set a good example. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven—Matthew 5:16.

Look out for others. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's good—1 Corinthians 10:24.

Be courteous and kind. Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another . . . be courteous—1 Peter 3:8.

Put love into action. Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth—1 John 3:18.

Shun strong drink. The Lord will not spare the drunkard—Deuteronomy 29:20.

Thou shalt not kill. These things doth the Lord hate . . . a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood—Proverbs 6:16-17.

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Jesus Christ has use for you in places disguised as the routine affairs of life. One of these places is on the highways of America where, in an ordinary day, you have an opportunity to serve the Lord and your fellow man in a practical way—a way that contributes to the saving of lives. A life saved can also mean a soul saved.

Driving habits that are in line with the Scriptures cited above will not go unnoticed. By responsible driving you will add to your Christian influence and also to your own courage and confidence in the face of every situation.

So if you are on the highways during the Christmas season, remember your Christian faith will reflect itself in the way you drive. You will be a living testimony to the fact that Christianity does work—even behind the steering wheel. Those whom you meet on the road will feel the presence of God that accompanies you on the way and will be inspired by your example.

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WHY A PSYCHOLOGIST BELIEVES THE BIBLE

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NOT LONG AGO I took a plane trip from Los Angeles to Sacramento, California. As we soared through the air I looked down to the earth and saw the beautiful fertile valleys of central California.

To the right, the majestic mountain ranges of the Sierra Nevadas pushed their gigantic heads up to the clouds. On the left the sparkling Pacific ocean mirrored the blue of the sky and the golden glory of the sun. I was exhilarated as I drank in these spectacular views all around me.

As I sat there I opened my Bible. Then turning to the first chapter of John, I read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

I thought to myself, "Yes, the Word has been from the beginning! The Word was with God! The Word *was* God!"

Then as I gazed down again at the fruit bearing valleys below I thought, "Thousands of years before these valleys even existed, the Word was." I looked over and saw that great giant, Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the continental United States, and I thought, "Before that mountain was even formed, the Word was with God."

Then I turned my eyes west toward the beautiful Pacific and to the warm sun that shed its pleasant rays on our

plane. I was reminded again that "the Word was God" — yes, even before the ocean or sun ever existed.

I bowed my head in gratitude as I silently breathed a prayer. "Thank you, God," I said, "for giving us this Word in written form — this sure Word which has existed from the beginning of time!"

Little wonder that the psalmist declared, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." (Psalm 119:89)

Difficulties in the Bible

From the very nature of the Bible one might expect to find a few things that are difficult to understand. After all, it is not the simple writings of men. It is divinely inspired, revealing the very mind of God. And His ways are not man's ways.

Just because a person finds difficulty in some point or rejects some doctrine in the Bible does not mean that it is not so. There are many things that are hard for our finite (limited) minds to comprehend. Yet they are true.

For example, years ago most people thought that the earth was flat, but today we know that it is round. Does this mean that this planet used to be flat? Of course not. And so it is with the Bible.

If there are portions of Scripture that

you do not understand, it does not mean that they are not true. Furthermore, the fact that you cannot solve a difficulty in the Bible yourself does not mean that it cannot be solved by someone else.

There are many, many things we do not understand. For example — electricity, radio and television. However, we do not doubt their existence.

And the *seeming* defects of the Book are exceedingly insignificant when placed in comparison with its many and marvelous excellencies. For example, there is a great painting of the crucifixion that is housed in a special building at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California.

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Can you imagine someone going to see this marvelous work of art, then, after having viewed it, going close to the canvas to examine it down in one corner with a magnifying glass? What is he doing? Why, trying to see if there might be some little speck on it somewhere!

This is the way some people view the Bible. They stumble at some little thing they don't understand — and they miss the great masterpiece!

The best way to prove the truth of the Bible is to read it. It has overcome the doubts of many. General Lew Wal-

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lace had this experience. He was a friend of Bob Ingersoll, the notorious athiest and, like Ingersoll, he had no confidence in the Bible.

Wallace decided to write a book against the Word of God, but thought it only fair to read it first. However, in doing this he came to believe it completely! The volume he finally wrote was "Ben Hur," a beautiful story centered around Christ.

Do you have serious doubts about the inspiration of the Bible? "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I (Christ) speak of myself." (John 7:17)

In this portion of Scripture we are told that if, after coming to believe that the Bible is the Word of God, we are willing to follow Him, God will prove to us that it is truly His Word.

Of course He does not promise to prove that the Bible is the Word of God just to suit someone's whim. We must be in earnest.

If you really mean business, this is the way to learn whether the Bible is true: Read the Scriptures — for example, the book of John. And as you read, ask God to reveal Himself to you.

Read this portion several times. While you are reading it, God will make it plain to you that the Bible truly is the Word of God. You will be just as sure of it as you are that you are alive! So do it now!

Enemies of the Word

For centuries skeptics have laughed at the Bible and have thrust their insidious blows against it, but of course it does not damage the Eternal Word of God. This fact is beautifully expressed in the following lines:

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
And so thought I, "The anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
Yet though the noise of following blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed — the hammer's gone!"

The Bible's Unity

It is not the nature of human beings to achieve unity — to work together and to agree. On the other hand, God is the source of all unity. Have you ever realized that the Bible is composed of sixty-six books with approximately forty authors who wrote over a period of fifteen centuries in three languages on three continents?

Although most of these men never knew each other, the Bible has perfect unity. There are no contradictions, no errors and no divergent points of view.

Think of the writers of the Bible — these men whom God used to record His very words. Moses was an educated man from Egypt. Peter, on the other hand, was a fisherman. Amos was a herdsman, and Joshua was a great general. Luke was a physician and Solomon was a great, influential king.

These men had very little in common. And yet they all wrote as God revealed the Holy Scriptures to them. Today we have the world's greatest masterpiece of unity — the Bible.

Who but God could have done such a thing? When we consider this, it's easy to accept the fact that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God." (II Timothy 3:16)

The fact that the Bible has perfect unity is not to be taken lightly. Have you ever met any two individuals who

ever agree entirely on anything? No, and I am sure that you never will.

I am reminded of the time when I served in an office with twenty top-flight psychologists. We were asked to write a book. It was to be a "combined" effort. For more than two years we tried to agree on an outline for the book. Frankly, we couldn't agree.


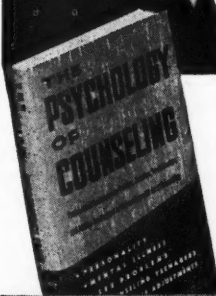
So we started writing the book anyway and, of course, we encountered constant difficulties because we had so many different points of view. After struggling on the book for nearly three years, one of the men said, "I'll tell you what's wrong — we have too many authors." He was right. We were human beings — and we couldn't agree. There was no unity.

But that was not true with the Word of God. The Bible has only one Author — God Himself. And God used man merely to record what He put into his mind.

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"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

THE GREATEST accusation ever hurled against this world is that it made no room for Christ when He came. When the angel choir announced, above the green hills of Bethlehem, the glad news that the Saviour had been born, they did not mean that He had just come into existence, but that He had left the ivory palaces above that He might die for man.

He created all things and without Him was not anything created, but the man He made refused Him a place to be born, except a bed of straw among the cattle of the barn. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." (John 1:11) No wonder God in His Word called Him a Man of sorrows.

We look upon the keeper of the inn in Bethlehem as a man of the greatest ingratitude, but we are just as ungrateful. Even as Christ was crowded out of that Judaeon hotel, He has been shoved out of the life of American people.

We say that if we had lived at the time of His birth, we would have made room for Him; but the fact that we crowd Him out now is ample proof that we would not have even then.

Man not only ignored Christ at His birth but also as He lived and walked among them; He was "despised and rejected of men." When He died, He died alone and even His closest friends

found it convenient to be elsewhere while He was enduring the agony of the cross.

First, Christ has been crowded out of

School Life

Almost without exception, the early schools and colleges of America were founded by God-fearing, consecrated men. They were established upon the infallibility of the Word of God.

What a pity that the philosophy of most of our public schools is in direct contradiction to the "faith of our fathers." The average modern high school and college is filled with the teachings of atheism, socialism, communism and evolution.

Measured by all standards of pedagogy, Jesus is the greatest Teacher that ever lived, and yet He is not allowed to speak in the classrooms of American schools. God's Son and God's Word have been pushed aside.

Not only are the things of God neglected, but in many instances an aggressive warfare is waged against the Bible. It would be sad indeed to say that our schools are non-Christian, but I tremble as I say it; they are anti-Christian!

We can count on the fingers of our hands the colleges of America which stand for the absolute authority of the Bible. God's people should pray for a revival that would purge our school system of its diabolical teaching, bring back those who instruct our boys and girls to a realization of the solemnity of their responsibility, and put a copy of God's Word in every school room.

In 1802 Yale University experienced a great revival. One-third of the entire student body were saved and half of that number became ministers. The same thing happened at Williams in 1806, where the famous Haystack Prayer Meeting took place and revival forces were born that shook the world.

As a result of these spiritual awakenings in the colleges, revival fires began to burn in churches and homes and people by the thousands turned to Christ. God grant that if Jesus tarries, we may yet see Him given a place in the school, where boys and girls spend a large portion of their time.

Second, Christ has been crowded out of our

Home Life

If there is any institution in the world that ought to be a citadel of righteousness and a testimony to the grace of God, it is the home. If we had more Christian homes, we would have less crime and war.

If we had more family altars, more consecrated mothers and fathers, we would have fewer girls and boys who

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make a wreck of their lives and lose their souls and bring disgrace and shame to themselves and to their parents.

If Christ were given first place in the home, a greater impression could be made on young people there than even in the Church or Sunday School. In many American living or dining rooms we see the beautiful motto:

Christ is the Head of this House;
The Unseen Guest at Every Meal;
The Silent Listener to Every Conversation.

Thank God the motto is true of many homes; but it is sad to say that if we were to describe the actual status of many, we would be forced to write over the door, "No room for Christ!" He has been crowded out.

There is no Parental Authority. The average psychology book contends that the child should never be corrected; but God speaks differently in His Word. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Proverbs 22:15)

We've gotten a long, long way from the manner in which God meant the children to be raised. Now I am no psychologist. My mother was one. She never had it in school either. I do not know where she learned her's, but she was a great psychologist.

You know, they tell us today not to say "obey" to a child. They say there is a better word — "cooperate." Now, my folks believed in that, too. If I didn't cooperate, they knew how to operate, and they didn't take long to do it.

I was speaking up in Toronto, Canada one time. One of these modern young mothers came to me. She said, "I want to tell you a story." She was greatly amused, and continued:

"I have a little boy. He's six years old. A funny thing happened out in the yard while he was playing. I got his meal ready, had it nice and warm. Then I went out and called him and said, 'Come in and eat your lunch.'

"You know, he never paid a bit of attention to me. I had to heat the lunch over again; and warmed it the second time, and went out and called him again. I finally had to warm it over three times before he ever came in to eat."

I said, "Sister, it does not take long to diagnose your case. You warmed the wrong thing. If you had applied the heat to the right place, it wouldn't have taken long for that boy and his lunch to get together."

God has set forth in His Word a plan and a pattern, and He has said that without authority, it cannot be the kind of

home it ought to be. God made man the head of the home and He ordained authority there.

"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell." (Proverbs 23:13-14)

God's Word does not advocate brutality, but it does contend for parental authority and discipline. God promises to bless the efforts of a Christian mother and father in their efforts to rear their children in a godly sort of way.

There is no Parental Example. We've seen some tremendous changes in the way American people live in their homes. I think there are two or three reasons for it.

For one thing, we've allowed the Hollywood crowd to set our standard and pattern for home life in this country. We've reached an age of moral decay. There are no two ways about it. The foundation of our home life in America has been largely destroyed.

There has flowed out of Hollywood a stream of iniquity and sin that set the pattern for the American home life that has almost destroyed the morality of this country. Divorces on every hand have beaten the rate of marriages today. (See "Divorce — A Growing Pastime," page 30, November 1960 *Defender*.)

Now friends, God is interested in the way you live at home. Parents make a mistake when they attempt to send their children to Church and Sunday School. They should go themselves and carry the children with them. Parental discipline will never amount to very much until it goes along hand in hand with parental example.

I went one night to a home. I talked to the head of the house saying: "You're not a Christian. A few nights ago there knelt at the altar two of your children, your daughters. God saved them and, with their tears they said, 'Brother Malone, we want you to go talk to Daddy.'

"That's why I am here. I came to talk to you about your soul and about your home and your family. God wants to do something for you and your loved ones."

I talked with him thirty or forty minutes, but was not able to lead him to Christ. There sat listening to the conversation a four or five year old boy, his son.

After I left that home, his wife sat there with tears in her eyes. She wanted to be a Christian but she felt that she couldn't be one unless he was. That little four or five year old boy went over and climbed in his Daddy's lap, put his

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arms around his neck, and said, "We don't want to be a Christian, do we, Daddy?" There was no reply. He repeated, "Daddy, we don't want to be a Christian, do we, Daddy? We're not going to be a Christian, are we, Daddy?"

He put his boy down, went up to bed, but he couldn't sleep. The following Sunday night when I gave the invitation, I saw a man running down the aisle like he was trying to set a new world's record. He came and put both arms around me. He sobbed and he cried.

Only a little while ago I heard what he said to himself as he lay in that bed that night. He said, "I can turn a deaf ear to Tom Malone. I can turn a deaf ear to Christian friends. I can turn a deaf ear to the preachers of the Gospel; but, oh, God, I can't lead my family to hell, and I want to be saved."

Most children would like to be the man or woman their mother or father is. The wife of a bald headed husband found her young son out behind the house cutting his curls off up close to his head. "What are you doing, Tommy?" she exclaimed. "Trying to make my head look just like papa's," he answered with glee.

Oh, that every mother were a Christian and every father a man of God.

There is no Family Altar. Most of the great preachers of the past have come from Christian homes where God's Word was read daily and prayer was made in behalf of the home.

If the boys and girls of today could hear a few sermons and prayers at home they would not look upon God's preacher as a fool and fanatic when they heard him preach from the Church pulpit.

When a young person goes out into life from a Christian home, he may drift away from God, but if he has been born again and has lived in the atmosphere of a family altar, it will haunt his memory and lash his conscience and convict his soul until he comes back to God. This is a promise from the Bible.

"Train up a child in the way he

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should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Third, Christ has been crowded out of

Church Life

It is painful to say, and yet it is true, that if we were to go into many Churches, hoping to see Christ, we would be compelled to say as we left, "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

The religious world points to its high church steeples and magnificent temples of worship and formal, ornate church services, with a great deal of pride and self satisfaction, but Jesus is hidden. He has been crowded out!

The supper room and feasting has

taken the place of the upper room and fasting. The black robe of formality is being worn in place of the robe of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The mid-week prayer meeting is left off altogether. The Sunday evening hour is taken up with book reviews and resumes of the lives of world leaders. Services, which honor Christ and bring men to repentance, are few.

Every sort of social function, from a bingo party to a modern dance, is being held in the Church. We wonder, if Jesus were here as He was in the day of His earthly ministry, would He not put on an exhibition as He did in the Temple at Jerusalem when He drove out the money changers, overthrew the tables, and with scorching words rebuked them, saying:

"It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matthew 21:13) God have mercy!

Christ has been crowded out of the

Individual Heart

The only home Jesus ever asks for is a place in the heart of men and women, boys and girls. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

The story is told of an unsaved young man who left his home to go away to college. He decorated his dormitory room with several lewd pictures of women and prize fighters and such.

One day he received a painting from his Christian mother. It was a likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. She wrote the young son to place it on the wall of his room so that every time he looked at it, he would be reminded that he should give Him a home in his heart.

One night he sat with his feet propped upon his desk and a book in his lap. He gazed upon the wall of his room, cluttered with the lewd pictures, but this time his eyes fell on the wonderful face of the Lord Jesus and he said, "This painting is different. These other pictures have no place where His likeness hangs." So he arose and quickly tore them down from the wall . . . all but the one of Christ.

God grant that you might remove all idols from your heart and allow Jesus Christ, who loves you and died for you on Calvary's cross, to come in and dwell in your heart as personal Saviour.

As you read this message, may you be constrained to make room for Jesus Christ and not crowd Him out.

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MANY OF OUR greatest leaders of the past faced in their time much the same problem which confronts us today. George Washington, Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, and many others of colonial times achieved everlasting fame by solving the tax problem which confronted them. They were required to use more drastic means than is necessary now.

Basically, the same tax problem to confront the colonists is now tearing our constitutional forms apart. The details are different, but the fundamentals remain the same.

If we have the wit and the wisdom to apply the same principles the Founding Fathers applied, we will find that we can solve the present day problem with equal effectiveness.

First, let us appraise the dimensions of our problem. In the foreign field it appears that the American taxpayers, who have never known military defeat, have been compelled to pay more treasure into the coffers of foreign powers than all the vanquished people in history have paid to their conquerors.

On the domestic scene the bureaucratic conquest of the American taxpayer is fantastic. More than 700 Federal corporate activities, existing without the slightest pretense of constitutional authority, ride the backs of the American people as interest free, dividend free, rent free, cost free, tax free competitors of taxpaying producers and consumers.

Most people recall that our Constitution was designed to prevent this conquest, but the tax collectors keep us much too busy earning enough to satisfy their demands to know much about the details of what has happened, how or why.



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Assuming that the function of government is the protection of life and property, we have paid little heed to the enormous conquest of our land by Federal agencies.

To get a comprehensive view of this phase of the problem, let us turn to the U.S. Government Organizational Manual and see what some of the Federal agencies have to say about themselves.

Vast Empires

On page 221 of the 1958-59 issue of this manual the Interior Department

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On page 254 of the same manual the Forest Service claims that it administers about 188 million acres. This acreage equals 8.1 per cent of the total land and water area of the United States and all its territories and possessions.

This cites the land holdings of but two of the more than 700 Federal agencies which have in some way invaded private enterprise. This by no means is all the land holdings in the hands of such agencies, as most of those listed have undertaken to build landed estates for themselves.

However, these two are the largest land holders. They have jointly taken over an area greater in extent than the combined land area of twenty-five European countries. These are:

England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Germany, Iceland, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Albania, Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Bulgaria.

This constitutes quite a conquest in itself. Added to the other areas taken over by other Federal agencies, the non-tax-paying but tax-supported political empires come close to representing the majority interest in the United States. Practically all of this land should properly be privately owned and under State jurisdiction.

The problem is further complicated when we realize that fully twenty per cent of the industrial capacity of the

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nation is located on this land, under the control of and operated by the Federal agencies on an interest free, dividend free, rent free, cost free, and tax free basis.

This makes one wonder what happened to the American institution of "equal justice for all" to which we pledge our allegiance during each flag ceremony.

This summary of problems has no value unless we are willing to utilize the information as the basis for the development of a solution. It should be readily apparent to everyone that the fabulous costs of these political empires is the primary reason for our high taxes.

It is simple logic, then, to presume that by eliminating the problem of federal invasion of private enterprise we would at the same time eliminate much of our tax problem.

While the problems appear to be massive, and any solution necessarily complex, the facts indicate that all the elements which constitute the problems are soluble by giving new force and effect to the original purpose of the Constitution.

The answer to a few basic questions might help to clarify the problem, its solution, and the manner of its application.

Question 1. What is it the federal corporate activities do?

Answer. These federal agencies have invaded as active competitors almost every field of human vocation.

Question 2. Where did these federal agencies get the capital to go into business as competitors to private citizens?


Answer. The American people were required to provide the capital — an estimated 250-billion dollars, gathered through taxes or included in the national debt, for the acquisition of the land, plants, and facilities involved.

Purpose of the Constitution

Question 3. Do these federal corporate activities operate with constitutional authority?

Answer. No. Actually the intent and purpose of the Constitution was to guard against such activities being undertaken by government. The federal corporate activities exercise powers without constitutional authority and have survived

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through a process of selective law enforcement which fosters political violation of the spirit, intent, and purpose of the Constitution.

Question 4. Do the federal corporate activities pay their own way?

Answer. No. They have made claims of paying their own way on occasion, but such claims are based upon extraordinary and unrealistic accounting practices which would not be permitted to private enterprise, and do not include such normal items as cost of space consumed, many operational costs, interest, dividends, and taxes. Each year these agencies seek additional tax dollars to pay their losses, underwrite their payroll, and administration or to finance hidden costs.

Question 5. Do the federal corporate activities assume the responsibilities undertaken by private enterprise?

Answer. No. Instead of assuming normal operating responsibilities and supporting the civic interest, they demand services of all kinds from every level of government. Despite this political preference and privilege, which is contrary to our American concept of equality and justice, the federal corporate activities have consistently lost more than 10-billion dollars per year since 1948, and in 1959 the losses are estimated to exceed 19-billion dollars!

Private Enterprise Has Never Failed

Question 6. Isn't it true that these

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Unfortunately, the political empire builders are not deterred by such facts. They rely on political privilege rather than productive excellence, and seek to use the force of government to subdue competition that they may dominate their fields.

From their vantage point of political preference and prestige, with easy access to fabulous quantities of our tax dollars, and with immunity from the laws which govern the rest of us, the federal corporate activities devote themselves to expansion. They fight to maintain and expand their lush positions of power, using the wealth and means of the people they attack to sustain their conquest.

Question 7. What can we do to control such practices and reestablish constitutional protection for our individual properties and enterprise?

Answer. We can follow the pattern established by the Founding Fathers. They fashioned our Constitution, in which they delegated to government a few, limited, and carefully designated powers. Not satisfied with particularizing the powers delegated, the first ten amendments to the Constitution were added to prohibit governmental exercise of any other powers.

The ninth amendment reads: "The enumeration of the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

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Now we become aware of the enormous political power which has been syphoned from us through this process. We are confronted with the accumulative host of political empires which hold forty per cent of the land area and twenty per cent of the industrial capacity of the nation, and absorb more than half the total revenue of the federal government, directly and indirectly, to pay their losses and hidden costs.

With this realization we should also understand that we have the power to correct the problem. We can do this by going back to first principles and again spelling out the terms of our economic freedom in the Constitution. Only in this way can we abolish those practices which we know to be antagonistic to our history, tradition, and well-being. By regaining our economic liberty in this manner, we can eliminate the taxes which sustain this bureaucratic competition against us.

Proposed Twenty-third Amendment

Question 8. What device can be used to obtain these objectives?

Answer. A proposed twenty-third amendment to the Constitution has been prepared. Fifteen years of research and documentation has gone into the task of making certain that it is just and equitable in every detail.

These studies have brought to light more than seven hundred federal corporate activities. In the first thirty of the agencies studied, direct losses of more than 31-billion tax dollars have been identified. This research has indicated the enormous savings in governmental costs which can result from selling the federal corporate activities back to the American people from which they were taken.

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On a recent evening we were present at a meeting where the speaker was holding forth on the benefits that would accrue to America with the enactment of the Proposed 23rd Amendment—the Amendment which will abolish the personal federal income tax and take the Federal Government out of competition with private enterprise.

The speaker stressed how nice it would be if three years from now, one would not have to struggle with Form 1040, and on or before April 15, send Uncle Sam a huge slice of one's earnings.

He asked for a show of hands of those who would welcome such a relief from both toil and attack on pocketbook. Every hand went up but one.

Toward the close of his address, the speaker could contain his curiosity no longer. He asked the lone dissenter why he wouldn't welcome the end of personal federal income taxes. His answer was short, simple and much to the point.

"You see," he said, "I'm a certified public accountant. Each winter and early spring I derive a considerable income helping out poor unfortunates with that Form 1040. Would you have me help kill that golden goose that lays those golden eggs for me?"

Well, anyway, he had a reason — if not a good one.

The savings indicated are greater than the total volume of individual income taxes paid by all the American people combined. Thus it follows that, by getting government out of competition with its own citizens, the individual income tax collections would no longer be necessary and can be repealed.

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by Representative James B. Utt of California, as House Joint Resolution Twenty-three. It has been formally approved by the States of Wyoming, Texas, Nevada and Louisiana. It provides that:

"Section 1. The government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

"Section 2. The Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of the United States, shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment.

"Section 3. The activities of the United States government which violate the intent and purposes of this amendment shall, within a period of three years from the date of the ratification of this amendment, be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall be sold.

"Section 4. Three years after the ratification of this amendment the sixteenth article of amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not levy taxes on personal income, estates, and/or gifts."

Amending the Constitution

Question 9. What is the process for adding this amendment to the Constitution?

Answer. According to the fifth article of the Constitution, two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, concurring can initiate the amendment, or, when the legislatures of two-thirds of the States adopt a resolution identical to that adopted by Wyoming, Texas, Nevada and Louisiana, Congress will be required to call a constitutional convention to submit the amendment to the States for ratification. Initiated by either method, the amendment must be ratified by three-quarters of the States to become a part of the Constitution.

Question 10. How would the properties and facilities of the federal corporations be sold back to the American people, and how would this alter the costs of government?

Answer. Congress would make the rules governing the sale of the properties to the people, and would supervise the process. It is estimated that the land, buildings and facilities, even under the worst conditions, would bring better

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than 65-billion dollars, all of which would be applied to the national debt.

The House Government Operations Committee estimates the government's investment in their properties to be 262-billion dollars. We estimate a minimum return of twenty-five per cent of this figure, although recent sales of government property, such as the synthetic rubber plants and property at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, returned about three times the book value.

However, by retiring only 65-billion dollars of the national debt, the interest charges on this would save the taxpayers about \$1,950 million in such a year as 1959.

This would also save the amortization cost of paying off this portion of the national debt, which, on a forty-year amortization basis, would mean the saving of another \$1,625 million per year.

The average annual losses of the federal corporate activities has been more than ten-billion dollars per year and reached a gigantic nineteen-billion dollars in 1959. This would not have to be provided by the taxpayers after the properties are sold.

It has been estimated that more than one million federal employees are required to provide service to the federal corporate activities, and at no cost to them, putting this burden on the taxpayers. With the corporate activities sold back to the American people, these employees will be more gainfully employed by private enterprise, and thus one million pay envelopes, each now containing an average \$4,300.00 per year, would not have to be filled with our tax dollars, saving the taxpayers about \$4,300 million per year.

One more item. It is estimated that at least three dollars worth of goods, services, and facilities are required to maintain every dollar of payroll. On this basis, the saving of \$4,300 million in payrolls would mean a related saving of \$12,900 million in goods, services, and facilities.

Now let us add up the savings possible by enacting the proposed twenty-third amendment.

	In millions of dollars
The interest which can be saved	1,950
Amortization cost saved (\$65 billion paid in 40 years) average annual cost	1,625
Losses saved by removing the source (1959 level)	19,000
Payroll saved (by removing free services now provided the agencies)	4,300
Costs of goods, services, and facilities saved (estimated at 3 times payroll)	12,900
Total domestic savings from H. J. Res. 23 (1959 estimate)	39,775



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No Tribute to Foreign Powers

As the proposed twenty-third amendment would also prevent the taxing of the American people to pay tribute for foreign powers, this would terminate the so-called foreign aid programs which have produced such hatred of Americans around the world.

The foreign grants and credits which would no longer be financed by our tax dollars amounts to about five-billion dollars per year, bringing the total potential savings under the proposed twenty-third amendment to \$44,775 million.

We can repeal individual income taxes. They produced, in 1959, \$36,900 million, leaving a surplus of \$7,875 million, permitting repeal of estate and gift taxes which, in 1959, yielded \$1,393 million, leaving an estimated surplus of \$6,482 million.

Question 11. These billions of dollars are difficult to understand. Just how does all this affect my tax bill and my take-home pay, and how will it affect the nation as a whole?

Answer. The proposed twenty-third amendment would cut the cost of government more than half — more than enough to offset the revenue lost through repeal of individual income taxes. This means we would not be required to fill out tax form No. 1040 ever again.

None of your earnings would be withheld from you. Our take-home pay would be increased an amount equal to the amount we now report on tax form No. 1040. This enormous increase in spendable income would not involve a change in the rate of pay. It would simply restore to us that which we have already earned.

This increase in our take-home pay would permit us to buy the things we have been wanting. Whether we spend it or save it, it still goes into trade, and would automatically increase the volume of business being done by the present business community by more than fifteen per cent. The corporation, excise and other taxes on this increased volume

of business would amount to an estimated \$5,100 million of new revenue for the federal government.

Twenty per cent of the nation's industrial capacity now pays no taxes. This would be sold back to the American people and start paying taxes just like other similar business establishments, and it is estimated these new sources would provide the federal government with \$3,825 million per year in taxes.

Thus, the surplus identified before of \$6,482 million, added to the increased revenue anticipated from the enterprises sold back to the people of \$3,825 million, would produce a total surplus of \$15,407 million, which would absorb the 1959 deficit of \$12,900 million, leaving a net surplus of (1959 estimate) \$2,507 million.

There are other items of potential savings which do not appear in this tabulation, such as the \$200 million spent by the treasury department each year to collect the individual income tax, the \$40 million in postage costs to handle the flood of mail relating to these taxes, and the \$100 million in printing costs to print forms, booklets, and other items regarding income taxes. These three items alone total \$340 million, which might better be spent to pay off the national debt.

All this and more can be achieved by the enactment of the proposed twenty-third amendment introduced into Congress by Representative James B. Utt as House Joint Resolution 23, and already approved by Wyoming, Texas, Nevada and Louisiana.

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Local tax problems will be enormously simplified as the federal corporate enterprises go back on local and State tax rolls to share the burden with the rest of us. In some areas this item can be enormous. For example, the federal government agencies now own forty-eight per cent of the State of California and eighty-seven per cent of the State of Nevada.

In each State, in each city, and to each person, the situation differs, but in every instance, without exception, the economic freedom restored to us through the terms of the proposed twenty-third amendment means an infinite variety of benefactions beyond our capacity to imagine, just as the Constitution itself held advantages for us far beyond the dreams of those who gave it life.

Even the conflict between labor and management will be largely resolved by the amendment because it will restore to labor the reward for its toil, which is now being taken away through the withholding tax.

This will put a greater net increase into the pay envelope of every American than any politician or any labor leader ever dared to promise.

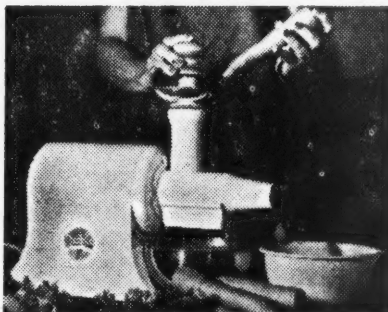
With such tremendous rewards available as a result of this single amendment to restore economic freedom, it would seem that we would all support this fight for the right without hesitation or limit. And I would urge that we get at it immediately. Winston Churchill once put it this way:

"If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival."

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THE YEARS AHEAD

While Americans have cause for concern, what happened last November 8 may turn out for the nation's good.

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A GOOD MANY Americans, including *Defender* readers, confessed to a feeling of shock and distress at the outcome of last month's presidential election.

The reaction was only natural. Such an election result was bound to ignite dark doubts about the future on the part of some. Unfortunately, however, this fear threatens to undermine faith at a critical eleventh hour — an hour which, in reality, calls for the utmost exertion of spiritual faculties.

The next four years represent a challenge which we cannot evade, and our destiny depends on our response. We are not without spiritual resources. God will not refuse us any petition if we ask for it in a humble spirit and with a contrite heart.

Americans whose post-election feelings were not too reassuring had good cause for concern. Mr. Kennedy is the youngest American ever elected to the White House and the first Roman Catholic chief executive of the United States.

After January 20, he steps into a position of awesome responsibility. He must lead the free world at a time of unprecedented tensions and upheaval, when the struggle with International Communism is at a critical stage.

As one columnist put it, "At no time in the history of the United States has a new President inherited a task so complex, burdensome and difficult as the task that now lies ahead."

One false step, one unwise and impetuous act, and we will have a world in which there are no live people.

Outside of his own State of Massachusetts, Mr. Kennedy has been relatively unknown, that is, until the TV debates. He is where he is today, not because of any statesmanlike qualities or demonstrated leadership, but because he is an adroit politician. In all of his 14 years in the House and Senate, not one piece of major legislation bears his name as sponsor.

He is extremely liberal in his political and economic philosophy, having stu-

died in earlier years under socialist Professor Harold Laski at the London School of Economics. We gather from current speeches that he aspires to the image of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He is identified with the young intellectuals of the Democratic Party who want more of the national income siphoned through higher taxes to the federal government. He believes in a big, paternalistic government.

So the man himself was of concern to Americans as they appraised the election results.

A Disturbing Note

Another disturbing note, although not wholly unexpected, was the fact that Soviet Premier Khrushchev was one of the first to hail Kennedy's triumph. He cabled his congratulations the day following the election, urging the President-elect to follow in the footsteps of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Enlightened Americans cringed at this suggestion, knowing that to follow in the tradition of Roosevelt means more Yaltas and Potsdams. In a word, it means surrender to Communism.

Khrushchev let it be known that he was prepared to resume active negotiations at the summit with the new administration. He hopes to see his prophecy fulfilled. Many will remember that at the breakup of the summit in Paris last May, he predicted he would deal with a new administration at another summit which he would call after January. His words have now changed from steel to silk.

Contrary to its usual policy of with-

holding news for days, even weeks, Moscow radio went on the air even before the outcome of the U. S. election was certain with a report that the Eisenhower-Nixon administration had suffered a "crushing political defeat."

The controlled press in Moscow followed the radio broadcasts with slanted headlines and stories, citing Kennedy's election as the end of the Eisenhower era. "Americans," Moscow newspapers told the Russian man-on-the-street, "have cast their votes against U-2 spy flights."

Bloc Voting

The way in which Mr. Kennedy was elected was still another source of concern to Americans. He was elevated to the White House as the result of religious and racial bloc voting in the populous eastern states dominating the electoral college.

One indignant editor wrote, "We dislike his obvious attempts to condemn his opponents for religious prejudice while he attempted to exploit his religion in the area where it would do him good."

True, the charge of religious or racial prejudice is used often as a big stick. That some American is said to be "anti-this" or "anti-that" is a familiar smear tactic. It is used to evade facts, to intimidate those who espouse truth and to confuse minds. While recognizing, of course, that we cannot indict a whole group for the sins of a few, at the same time, not every member of the group is above legitimate criticism, and it is un-American to use such a charge as a weapon against free discussion.

It seems that in 1928 it was his religion that kept Al Smith out of the White House, but in 1960 it apparently was his religion that put Mr. Kennedy in. He was the first to inject the issue in to the election campaign.

In his acceptance speech at Los Angeles, he said, "I am fully aware of the fact that the Democratic Party, by nominating someone of my faith, has taken on what many regard as a new and hazardous risk." From that moment

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on, subtle and not-so-subtle efforts were made to keep the issue alive.

Election results showed that Mr. Kennedy benefited by a shift of more than 5,000,000 Catholics from the way they voted four years previously. This represents about 80 per cent of a minority religious faith. Such a shift in minority voting has seldom if ever taken place. Mr. Kennedy thus managed to fuse the Catholic vote with the Jewish, Negro, and big-city labor votes and eke out a winning margin.

It was this bloc leverage voting that greatly distressed many Americans. It is not healthy for the country. It suggests a virtual winning formula for future candidates and gives disproportionate political advantage to minority groups located in states which dominate the electoral college. Minority rule, to say the least, is inimical to the American way of life.

First Hundred Days

Americans need to keep a close watch on the "first hundred days" of the Kennedy administration. He intends to whip Congress into line on new legislation to back up his big campaign promises. And, of course, this is cause for prayerful concern.

In his bid for power, Mr. Kennedy made lavish promises. To fulfill them would require unprecedented spending, and this leads to a devaluated dollar, to inflation and to dislocation of the economy.

Mr. Kennedy wants socialized medical care for the aged, full parity for the farmers, federal aid for areas with chronic unemployment and \$1.25 an hour minimum wage, federal aid to education including the payment of teachers' salaries, federal aid for housing and slum clearance, economic aid for new African states and underdeveloped areas of Latin America, and a vastly increased missile and defense program.

He wants to build more dams, more bridges, more airports, more highways and more hydroelectric facilities. In short, his program is a dream "of all this and heaven, too."

It is not difficult to see in which direction the dreamy-eyed arch-liberals are going. With Mr. Kennedy, the nation has turned the corner toward "welfarism." He hopes to lead America upward to that high plateau where the age-old evil of poverty no longer exists.

Guardians of Freedom

Whatever Mr. Kennedy may or may not do, the responsibility for the future of this country is not his alone. While leadership is important, the electorate in

the final analysis is the guardian of freedom. An aroused citizenry, who refuses to stand by in paralytic do-nothingism, who realize that its greatest strength and resources are spiritual, can set in motion a wave of reaction to the attempt of the administration to make America over.

For the people of the United States, these next four years can prove to be, in the words of Winston Churchill, "their finest hour." They can be the pivotal years in America's destiny. Here is what we mean.

Arnold Toynbee speaks of the formula of *challenge-and-response* in history. A crisis in civilization represents a challenge and must be met with a response on the part of the people. On the whole, all goes well with society, Toynbee finds, "unless and until a challenge arises which the civilization in question fails to meet — a tragic event."

If the challenge is not met, then there is a relapse which may or may not prove fatal. It could, however, involve the dissolution of society. The historian says, "In military language, the rhythm may be expressed as rout-rally-rout-rally-rout-rally."

The formula of *challenge-and-response* is, we believe, applicable to the present political situation. If the people in this critical hour fail to meet the challenge of an administration committed to socialis-

tic trends, then relapse and chaos are inevitable. This means we would almost certainly fall prey to Communist aims.

If on the other hand, an aroused people, spiritually strong, respond to this kind of challenge in the right way, it may mean that once and for all we can throw off the yoke of creeping socialism and return to Constitutional Government.

We repeat: These can be the years, when socialistic experimentation reaches the saturation point and a great segment of Americans, in violent reaction, turns away from it. And in this sense, costly though it may be, what happened last November 8 may in the long run prove to be the best.

History Confirms

"If we are to try to look into our future," writes Historian Toynbee, "we may begin by reminding ourselves that, though all the other civilizations whose history is known to us may be either dead or dying, a civilization is not like an animal organism, condemned by an inexorable destiny to die after traversing a predetermined life-curve."

"Even if all other civilizations that have come into existence so far were to prove in fact to have followed this path, there is no known law of historical de-

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1957 Prophecy Fulfilled

Bible 'Expert' Says Kennedy 'A Cinch'

Massachusetts Senator
Called 'Solid Bet' To
Be President

By RUTH MONTGOMERY
International News Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.
— Youthful Senator John F. Kennedy is a cinch for the Presidency, in the opinion of a Bible researcher who cites the Holy Scriptures for his "proof."

Donald E. Hare, co-founder of the Peacepoint Bible Academy in Bethany, W. Va., insists that any doubter of Jack's White House potential should turn to the Book of Revelations. His two arguments are these:

During World War II, Naval Lt. Kennedy was believed dead when his PT boat split in two, and a Requiem Mass was said for the repose of his soul on Aug. 4, 1943.

Instead, Jack and his buddies swam several miles through



Senator Kennedy

shark-infested waters of the Central Solomons, and eventually made it back to headquarters.

Revelation 13:3 reads as follows: "And I saw one of his heads as if it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was

Researcher Cites Scriptures To Prove His Belief

healed and all the world wondered about the beast."

Last August, Senator Kennedy received 666 votes for the vice presidential nomination during balloting at the Chicago convention.

Revelation 13:18 reads: Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and his number is six hundred, three score and six."

Kennedy, who is up for reelection to the Senate from Massachusetts next year, wisely insists that this is his only present ambition.

To his friends, he has made little secret of the fact that the White House is his ultimate goal, but he believes 1968 may be soon enough to make a serious bid. Only 40 now, Jack has ample time to realize the identical ambition that is shared by most of his Senate colleagues.



Christmas Behind The Stone Curtain

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ONCE A YEAR the eyes of the Christian world turn back to a night in history ... to an event so insignificant to the people of the time that it was known to only a very few (to whom it was divinely revealed).

The only begotten Son of God was born to a peasant maiden — and in a stable at that! There had been no room in the inn that night. It was full, and no good Samaritan was among its guests.

If those who were at Bethlehem that fateful night had only known Who that tiny Babe was and what He would become to the world, doubtless some of them would have acted differently.

But before criticizing the people of Bethlehem, let us ascertain how many today find room in their heart for something in which they have no interest. The reality of Christ is proclaimed by the radiant faces of those who know and love Him, and this is an area of life which men in prison cannot forget. At Christmas time memories of mother, home and God come flooding back into sharp focus.

Someone has said, "Christmas is a day on which neither the past nor the future is as important as the present." I didn't feel that way about it. During each of my five Christmases in confinement, I felt pushed by the past, held by the present, and lured by the future.

My first Christmas behind the Stone Curtain was cold. I still remember that it ended much as it began. It seemed so difficult to feel any kind of awe or warmth in such gloomy surroundings.

Even the snow flakes took on an extra coldness about them as they swirled against stone and steel. They seemed to lose their luster and charm when they fell within the walls of confirmed fear.



GEORGE B. DEWEY

In every way it was a day of beating blizzard in a war of nerves.

I recall how the events that had led up to that Christmas day had made my mind feel as though it had been flogged. What hurt the worst was the realization that not only had it been my life that had taken such a beating; but oh, the many more ... my family, my sister, my brother, and a score of true friends ... none of whom deserved the suffering and embarrassment they were forced to feel.

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"A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth."

There were also comforting thoughts behind the words of the forty-fifth chapter: "I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."

There was always such a mixture of pain and pleasure packed into each of those five Christmases that it became difficult to tell where the pain ended and the pleasure began.

But to be submerged in a feeling of unwantedness, and of no longer being needed, carries with it a strange immunity to pain.

The Christmas Day service in a prison has a sameness to the ones gone on before, and for the many yet to come. This in itself has an influenza-like effect on one's soul.

No laughter, no children ... men ... men ... men ... just men in a womanless world. Men in khaki uniforms, but without the soldier's glory. Men alike in outward appearance, so much so they seem to blend into one man. Thousands of hearts, but nothing to differentiate them except peculiar, unrealistic heartaches.

Jim sat next to me. It was his first Christmas in prison, and my second one. His shoulders were stooped at fifty ... his load was heavy. However, he had in his younger years learned something of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

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Yet it had been a cold December road for Jim to travel. It was so easy to see how he hurt in his heart as though he was having the very skin torn from his bones. He wanted so much just to feel a friendly hand on his shoulder and hear someone say, "Here I am, what can I do for you?"

Christmas seems to be a word that is quite out of place behind the Stone Curtain. For many men, however, it becomes crowded with memories. For others, the white snows of loneliness quickly bury it.

Lonely Men

Yet there is a human hunger that comes to the surface at Christmas time ... the hidden ... the old ... the lonely men are sought out. They are always there, but go unnoticed the other 364 days of the year.

They are the men who have no paying job nor anyone outside who cares, so no funds have been put to their account. They are remembered and sought out by the Chaplain, and given some attention, including token gifts.

As the Secretary at the Protestant Chapel, I met those men when they came to thank the Chaplain for his kindness ... for the gifts ... for the money ... and I often wondered if there is in this world a sadder sight than an old man's tears. Certainly not a boy's tears ... his hurts tend to heal quickly. Not so with the old. If they ever heal, it is a slow process.

Sam Budd was one of the many unwanted old men in prison. He was the utter depiction of the fact that none has greater need than he who is unneeded. Sam felt that way, and he appeared that way. The Christmas season had softened that look a little ... because each annual Holiday reminded him that Chaplain Peters cared. It was Sam's fifty-second Christmas in prison, and it was my third.

Dr. Lawrence's first Christmas was my fourth. It was watching the doctor help others live that made it possible for me to survive this cold, cold Christmas.

The doctor was Santa Claus to all the hospital. As he walked through the wards, his smile and nod took in every one of the patients. Many men saw brighter days for themselves as they watched the assurance of his personality ... but most of them were unaware of the pain that he carried ... a pain no pills could ease, for the price for another man's crime was far beyond any human means to pay.

There would be times Dr. Lawrence and I would slip away alone to some

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corner of the cold, snow-covered yard, and our suppressed sobs would finally move in to a point of audible silence.

The "Bird Man"

The "Bird Man," as Robert F. Stroud is known in both the press and the prisons, was having his fifty-fifth Christmas in prison ... I was spending my fifth.

Forty-three of the "Bird Man's" years were spent in solitary confinement. He began to study birds and within a decade became an accepted authority on their habits.

One of my major duties as a Christian was to counsel with men who had made known their need for help in spiritual and personal problems. These opportunities always brought with them an inner awareness of my own inadequacy in the areas where they sought help. Thus my fifth and last Christmas became overwhelming in its responsibility.

This resulted from Emile Dilly seating himself on the edge of my bunk. For a while he did not speak but just sat there as though the very muscles of his mind were sagging.

Finally, he blurted out that his circumstances had become unendurable; it was impossible to go on trying to live with the fruits of his sins. He went on to describe his miserable circumstances and pointed out his early inclinations.

He had in his youth been directed towards God, but now felt that, after so many years in crime and prisons, he was no longer fit even to go to confession. I explained to him that it was his sort of sinner to whom Christ spoke on the cross when He said, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

He smiled when I called his attention to the fact that in those words Jesus took a man who, like ourselves, had been pronounced by the courts of man as unfit and unwanted by the society of the world, and in those words made him fit for the society of God and His angels.

I then asked him to read in John's Gospel, 1:12, 3:3,16, these words: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name ... Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This Scripture and my explanation had an extraordinary effect on him. He went immediately to an acquaintance in a neighboring bunk and told him of his experience. He persuaded this man to come and tell me of his troubles and need for help. And so another sinner accepted his Saviour behind the Stone Curtain that Christmas day! The eyes of both men had opened almost simultaneously to their miserable condition, and I had been used to win both to Christ.

What a joy it was to see God's Grace cleansing the sin-sick souls of these men. As I saw them catch a gleam of light from Him, and observed the shackles of sin fall aside, I felt that I had experienced the greatest Christmas of my life! I knew then what the poet meant when he wrote: "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage!"

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terminism that compels us to leap out of the intolerable frying-pan of our time of troubles into the slow and steady fire of a universal state where we shall in due course be reduced to dust and ashes."

Now is the time for greatness! Christian Americans cannot afford to be passive or paralytic. They must be active.

It was Admiral Halsey who is supposed to have said, "There are no great men. Only great challenges that ordinary men are forced to meet."

This nation stands in need of Christian principles and power. We can become a part of that great spiritual power. By being a responsible Christian citizen, we can actually help turn the tide of evil.

God can only use ordinary people. Many of us have the idea that we must have a great deal of knowledge or equipment before we can be of service to God. This is where we fall down.

"I'm just a little old me. There's nothing I can do." But put a lot of me's together and we make a great nation.

The important thing is to start to be a doer. No matter where you are, start! Place *The Defender* in the home of a neighbor. Subscribe for your friends and loved ones. Let its truth bring enlightenment to others.

By doing this, we become a part of the response; we become part of the redemption of our communities — a redemption that brings light and healing. Remember, as we said in the beginning, our destiny depends upon our response.

This writer lived for a time in the

Pacific Northwest. He remembers the incident of a small girl who wandered away from home and was lost in a rugged forest that stretched for miles. For three days, a band of men searched for her without success. On the fourth day she was found cold and hungry, but unharmed, by a man who had not started to search until the fourth day.

"At first I thought there were enough men in the search party, but then I decided that maybe one other man looking for her might find her," he said afterward.

Here is a conclusive answer to the question we sometimes ask, "But what can I do?" We may feel that there is not much any one of us could do about the nation's problems, but God works through us, and our effort may be just what is needed to advance his cause. We can do something, if we believe in God's power and grace.

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Early Symptoms • How You Can Help • What Causes It

FIVE MILLION AMERICANS — one in every fifteen drinkers — is an alcoholic, and millions more are likely to become alcoholics. Alcoholism shortens the lifespan of its victims by an average of twelve years and costs industry 500-million dollars a year.

Only cancer, heart disease and mental illness are greater national health problems. Yet many people are unaware of what alcoholism is, how to recognize its early symptoms, how to deal with it if it strikes.

The key point to remember is that alcoholism is a disease, not a moral defect, and has been recognized as such

by the American Medical Association, psychiatrists and clergymen.

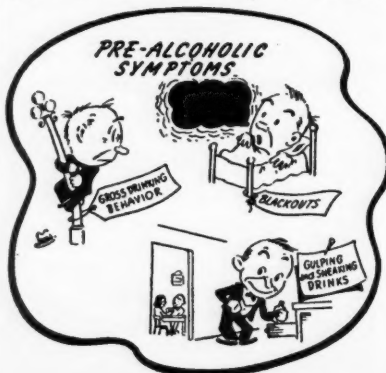
It is a progressive, and often a fatal, disease — if it is not treated. Like other diseases, it cuts across social and professional lines, often to afflict those who "just couldn't be" alcoholics.

"There is no way of predicting in advance where alcoholism will strike," according to Mrs. Marty Mann, executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism.

Who is an alcoholic? Mrs. Mann offers a simple definition: "Someone whose drinking causes a continuing and growing problem in any department of his life."

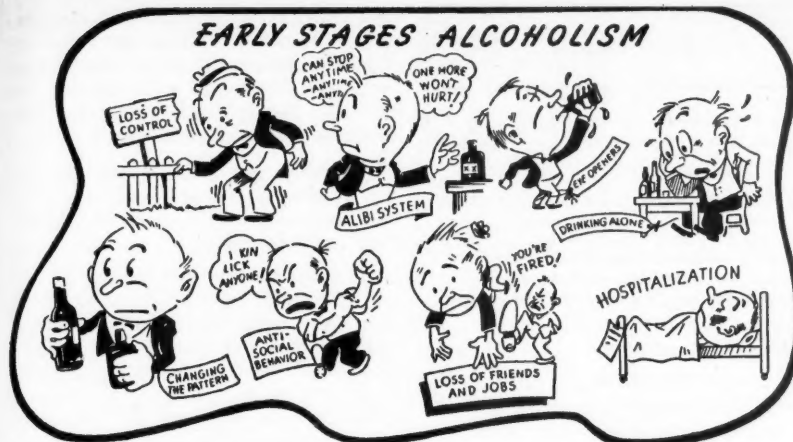
If a normal drinker finds that his drinking is causing him trouble, he will either cut down or cut out his liquor consumption. The alcoholic may wish to do so, but he won't — because he can't. He is not necessarily weak-willed; he has simply lost the ability to control his drinking.

This loss of control may take place years before the outside world is aware of it. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association (June 1956), the typical alcoholic drinks from ten to fifteen years before the fact be-



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comes impossible to hide from supervisors and co-workers!

Early Symptoms

But the symptoms are recognizable much earlier. "The first sign of abnormal drinking," says Dr. Paul H. Stevenson of the National Institute of Mental Health, "is apt to be a change in drinking pattern."

Drinking more ... drinking more often ... drinking for a different reason — any or all of these changes may signal the drift into alcoholism.

The budding alcoholic gulps drinks — and complains about the slowness of fellow drinkers. He sneaks drinks before going to a function at which drinks will be served, insists on drinks before lunch and after dinner and after work, and for "special occasions," such as sports events, the theater, meetings, weekend jaunts.

He must have drinks for nerves, worries, depression: "Nothing else helps." Yet he is increasingly reluctant to talk about his drinking, and will lie if pressed.

The first stage, which may last as long as ten years, is remarkably free

from hangovers, thick speech, and other popularly accepted hallmarks of drunkenness. Blackouts may begin, but can usually be covered up.

In the middle stages — from two to five years in duration — "must" drinking times are moved up, and the morning "eye-opener" becomes a necessity. At home, the alcoholic always fixes the drinks — when visiting others, he insists on it.

Always "dog tired," worried or depressed, he is increasingly irritable between drinking times. Eating is now noticeably irregular, made up for at odd times of the day or night.

Because others criticize the now-unmistakable "differentness" of his drinking behavior, the alcoholic now prefers to drink alone. He sometimes gets "anti-social" — pugnacious and destructive — when he drinks.

Hangovers now show in missed days of work and in a hand tremor when he tries to concentrate. Work pace is uneven and output reduced. Going on the wagon, often for long periods, becomes part of the pattern.

The final stage, recognizable to all, can be summed up in one phrase: the



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alcoholic lives to drink and drinks to live. With proper treatment, recovery is still possible, but it is far less certain.

What Can You Do?

What can you do to help an alcoholic? First, know what *not* to do. Don't nag, lecture or moralize, don't try to cut off his liquor supply, and above all, don't make threats you don't intend to carry out.

The loss of spouse, job or friends may jolt an alcoholic into seeking treatment, but threats he knows to be empty never will.

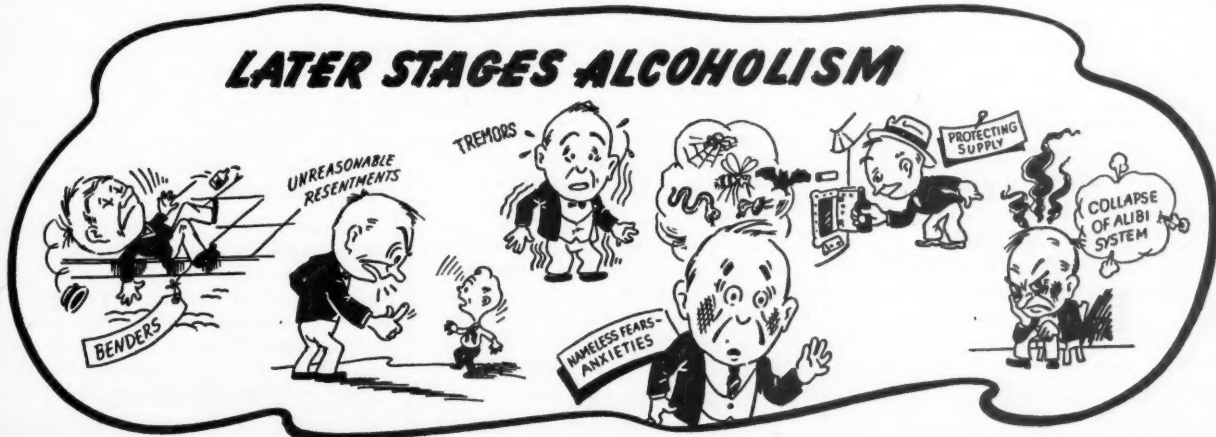
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The National Council on Alcoholism is an independent, voluntary organization which holds no brief for or against drinking *per se*. To combat alcoholism, it carries on a comprehensive program of public and professional education, community services, and research into the causes and treatment of the disease.

What types of help are available to the alcoholic and those close to him? Local Committees on Alcoholism, affiliated with the National Council on Alcohol-

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In several ages born, in several parts,
Weave such agreeing truths? Or how or why
Should all conspire to cheat us with a lie?
Unasked their pains, unheeded their advice,
Starving their gain, and martyrdom their price.

Scientific Accuracy

Although the Bible was written during times when many inaccurate theories of science were accepted as facts, not one inaccurate scientific statement ever infiltrated the Holy Scriptures! This is marvelous.

As you study God's Word you will find many statements of a scientific nature. And since God is the Author of the Bible as well as the Creator of all scientific phenomena, every Biblical statement that relates to science is perfectly accurate.

For example, geologists say that the world is very, very old. The Bible substantiates this belief. The Bible does not say *when* the world was created. It merely states that "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Scientists today confirm the order of events in creation as set forth in Genesis. This came from the pen of Moses, who lived hundreds of years after the creation. How could he have known? God directed his pen. There is no other answer.

So as you pick up your Bible to read, you can be sure that God, Who made all things and by whom all things consist, has not only given you a written record but through the centuries He has preserved it from error.

Psychological Accuracy

Have you ever thought about the psychological accuracy of the Bible? As a psychologist I am amazed at the great depth of psychology found in the Scriptures. In fact, if you could line up all of the psychologists and psychiatrists in the world and ask them one by one to list the basic psychological need, they would probably suggest a total of about ten.

They would include such needs as "love and affection," and "belonging." Interestingly enough, all of man's basic psychological needs are met when he accepts Christ as his personal Saviour, and as he lives the dynamic Christian life.

Take, for example, the need for love

and affection. No human being can give you the love and affection that will truly meet the desires of your heart. Only God, who loved you so much that He gave His Son to die for you, can fully meet this need of love in your life.

Then after you are saved, and you begin reading the Word each day, you will learn more and more how much God really loves you.

Consider the need for belonging. You can belong to every organization in the world and be as busy as a bee, and yet not feel that you truly belong. Why? Because the needs of belonging can never be met on the human level. Only as you belong to God and He belongs to you can this need be fully met.

Yes, the Bible is psychologically accurate. No truth from the field of psychology is in contradiction with the Word of God.

Fulfilled Prophecy

Another great mountain of evidence concerning the authenticity of the Scriptures is prophecy. The Word of God contains many remarkable prophecies. We find that all which have been fulfilled, have been accomplished with exactness. And we can rest assured that those yet to be fulfilled will be performed with unerring detail.

Consider the prophecy of Christ's birth. It was foretold that He would be born of a certain line, in a certain place, at a certain time, and of a certain sex. All of these divine predictions were fulfilled.

Consider the detailed prophecy in the book of Isaiah and the twenty-second Psalm concerning the crucifixion of Christ. Both were written many hundreds of years before Christ died on the cross.

Consider also the many significant prophecies concerning the Jews. Are we not living in the very time when these prophecies are coming to pass before our own eyes.

A discussion of all the Bible prophecies that have been fulfilled would include enough material for an entire volume. We are impressed again with the fact that only God knows the future, predicts it and brings it to pass!

Depth of the Word

Some books are "light" reading, some are "heavy" and some are just plain trash. But even the most profound books only bear reading a few times. Why? Because the word of man at its best is rather shallow. But this is not true of the Bible. It is not an ordinary volume from the pen of man.

It reveals the very mind of Christ,

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and it engages the greatest intellect. We read in Colossians 2:3: "In whom (God and Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Within the pages of the Bible are great depths of knowledge that no man can fully plumb.

I know a man who has one of the highest intelligence quotients of any person in America. He is a believer in the Lord Jesus and spends much time reading God's Word. He says that although he may read the same chapter from the Bible day after day, he still finds many new things in the chapter that he did not comprehend the preceding days.

Why is this? Because the Word of God has unsearchable depths. There is no end to the great gold mine of God's revelation. Surely the psalmist was right when he said of God, "Thy thoughts are very deep." (Psalm 92:5)

Men may write books that are read a time or two — then forgotten. But the Word of God lives and abides forever. Its content befits Divine authorship!

Universal Appeal

You may travel from the North Pole to the South Pole; from the East to the West. But wherever you go, you will find that the Bible has universal appeal.

Whether a person is a pigmy in a primitive jungle or a brilliantly educated man in one of our great universities, the Word of God appeals to both. And no matter where you go, the Word of God is at work in the hearts and minds of people, convicting them of sin and transforming their lives.

When you hear the testimonies of people from various parts of the world, they all sound much alike: "I heard the Word and was convicted of sin. I placed my trust in Christ, and now the Holy Spirit dwells within, giving me new life and abundant peace."

Why does the Bible have universal appeal? Why does it work the same in all people's lives regardless of their nationality and culture? It is this: The Bible has one Author — God Himself!

The Bible's Power

I also believe that the Bible is the Word of God because of its divine power. It literally transforms the human heart.

Not long ago I met a brilliant professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I talked with him about his spiritual condition and he listened intently to God's Word. Before long he surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ. His life was wonderfully changed.

The Bible not only claims to be the



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Word of God, but it proves the claim in the transformed life of everyone who believes and receives its message. People all over the world are proving it every day as men and women, boys and girls individually trust Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Yes, I believe the Bible because of its unity, its scientific accuracy, its psychological accuracy, and its fulfilled prophecy. I believe the Bible because of its great depth and its universal appeal. And I also believe the Bible because of its power to save and to satisfy.

A story is told of a guide in one of the noted art galleries in Paris. Throughout the morning he showed a group of visitors the various displays. They were thrilled as they viewed the great masterpieces.

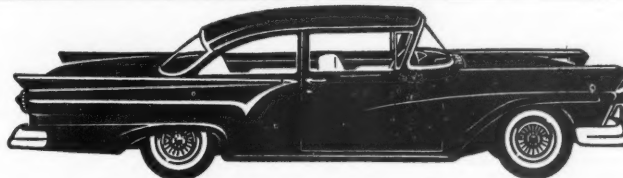
Finally they came to a certain room. But before entering, the guide said: "Ladies and gentlemen, the room which

we are about to enter contains the most expensive and the most renowned paintings we have. In fact, through the years multitudes from all over the world have said that it is one of the greatest works of art ever put on canvas."

With awe and reverence the visitors entered the room. They stood in silence as the picture was unveiled. Indeed, it exceeded all other works of art they had seen. But after looking at it for a few minutes, one man chirped, "I don't see anything in it!"

The embarrassed group looked around in astonishment at the ignorant man. But the undisturbed guide quietly replied, "Sir, the picture is not on trial."

The same is true of the Word of God. When you look at the Bible and consider that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," remember this — the Bible is *not* on trial!



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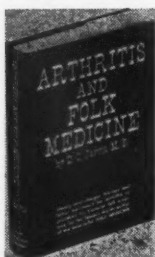
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Increasing numbers of business concerns are either setting up their own alcoholism programs or making use of community facilities to help alcoholics on their staffs.

Today there are many good medical treatments for getting an alcoholic sober and building up his physical condition in a very short time — usually five days. Such treatments are by no means "cures," but they have great value in preparing the alcoholic both mentally and physically to undertake further treatment, or to understand and adopt some program of recovery.

Any such program must take for granted that the alcoholic can never drink again. There is no authentic medical evidence of any alcoholic being enabled to start drinking normally again. In this sense, there is no "cure" for alcoholism.

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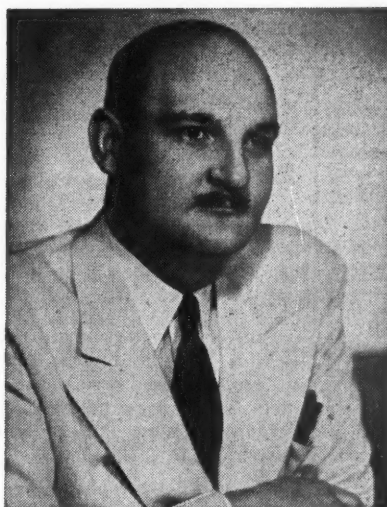
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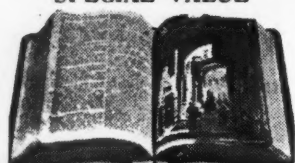
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THE AUTHOR, at the very beginning of this treatise, states that neither he nor any sources quoted, have ulterior motives in making truth known. Their responsibility is to God alone.

Mr. Townsend is a laboratory technician and organic farmer as well as a writer. While working as a youth director with juvenile delinquents he reached the conclusion that many social problems are as much the consequence of malnutrition as of wrong environment.

Because he saw so much needless suffering and death, along with blind reliance upon drugs and surgery to provide relief, he was burdened to put his deductions into permanent form, and this book is the result.

The first step takes us to the Bible, which holds the answer to all human problems and reveals the plan of God for mankind to enjoy happy and healthy life. This plan, if followed, would eliminate disease and its inevitable suffering and misery.

However, men resent interference with their appetites and do not want to obey God, choosing to disobey rather than yield their right to follow their own carnal desires.

Nevertheless, the laws of God for the body are just as exact and the stated penalty for disobedience just as relentless as are His spiritual laws. None can break them without being broken upon them!

God's first food for man is revealed in Genesis 1:29. For some reason, after the Flood, animal flesh was added to his diet. There were no restrictions, and perhaps Romans 1:21-25 supplies the answer for this.

Finally God turned away from mankind in general and chose a family to whom He gave a particular law, providing for both spiritual and physical welfare. But even these, His people, were permitted freedom of choice, for in Deuteronomy 30:19 He says, "I have set before thee life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

The proper food is listed in Leviticus 11:1-10, and the penalty for disobedience in chapter 26:14-16 and Deuteronomy 28:22,27,28. God's laws for health are just as applicable to humanity

today as they were four thousand years ago.

Obedience carries the same benefits and disobedience the same penalty. They were not abrogated by Peter's vision in Acts 10, for he explicitly states in verse twenty-eight, "God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean," in referring to his Jewish attitude toward other people.

Devitalized Foods

Mr. Townsend portrays the modern processed, super-refined, pasteurized, chemicalized, and devitalized foods as the vampire sucking the life blood of our people and contributing to the vast increase of illness. He points out that we are the most over-fed and under-nourished of all nations, and provides proof that these things are the result of human greed which puts money above every other consideration.

He states that the Food and Drug Administration lists 704 chemicals which are being used in our regular food supply, of which 428 are thought to be safe. What of the other 276? And we wonder why we have juvenile delinquency, broken homes, bigger and better hospitals, mental institutions, and jails!

"How Can I Live With My Nerves, And Not On Them?" is the title of one chapter. The answer is found in proper eating and living. Indeed, adherence to these two things will answer all sorts of health problems.

Learn to eat, drink, exercise, breathe, and dress correctly, then get into a right mental attitude through faith in Christ and the power of prayer, and many troubles will just naturally evaporate into thin air.

Several pages are devoted to Organic versus Chemical farming. "Sick soils mean sick plants, sick animals, and sick people. Physical, mental, and moral fitness depends largely upon an ample supply and proper proportions of the minerals in our foods. Nerve stability, function, and cell-building likewise depend thereon."

Mr. Townsend also discusses the use of chemical sprays, fluoridation of water, use of synthetic and natural vitamins, and their effects upon human and animal life. Indeed, they affect the whole

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process of nature in their far-reaching effects.

The chapter on the poisoning of public water supplies is apt to give the reader some unhappy moments in the realization of the satanic scheme which affects not only us, but generations unborn.

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"Unorthodox" Treatments

The author discusses cancer treatments that have been persecuted by "orthodox" authorities, some of which were also discussed in "The Cancer Blackout," (July 1960 *Defender*, page 20) and "A Matter Of Life Or Death," (October 1960 *Defender*, page 30). These altruistic scientists have been ridiculed, hounded, ruined professionally and financially, and their reputations blackened.

But one could go on and on, giving illustrations of the crimes committed against innocent people by those in positions of authority who put money and power above human welfare.

Over fifty years ago, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, founder of our pure food law, warned the nation that continued adulteration of our foods would result in a nation of morons, neurotics and imbeciles. He devoted his life to prevent it but failed because so many legal directives against the pure food law combine to nullify most of it.

Mr. Townsend concludes that "unless Congress acts soon, Russia can eventually walk in and take over this nation of poisoned, toothless invalids without firing a shot."

"Let's Talk Health Sense" could well be the motto of Fremont Christian Clinic, located at 5625 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California, which advocates the principles laid down in this book, and administers the treatments mentioned therein.

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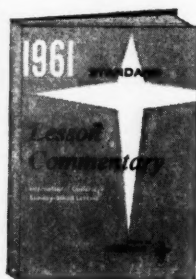
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Edited by Orrin Root

Standard Publishing Company

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One of the most valuable helps is a page of Truth For Daily Living, which pinpoints the lesson into present, everyday life, and makes it a challenge to the individual class member.

The section, Teaching the Lesson, presents hints on how to begin the teaching session by means of a dramatic object lesson. As an example, the lesson on "The True Bread" gives a recipe for barley bread such as was used in ancient Galilee, with the suggestion that it be prepared and brought to class so the members might see and taste the type of bread familiar to Jesus. Addition of a small salted or dried fish would be a help. Such illustrations serve to get attention of the class and make the lesson more impressive.

As a final touch, artist Barbara Wade adds a simple illustration in Seeing the Lesson. This can be prepared beforehand, or in class as the lesson progresses. Some of the pictures can be adapted to the flannelgraph.

Hints on closing the session are most important, especially to the teacher who has difficulty in bringing it to a satisfactory climax.

In addition to all of the above features, the Standard Lesson Commentary offers several "bonuses." The Table of Contents includes the names of the various writers, by each quarter. There is also an Index of Printed Texts for 1961, which will prove invaluable. Each Scripture studied is listed in exact Biblical order so that anyone wanting a sound exposition and present-day application of any given text may easily find it.

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Second Quarter
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Fourth Quarter
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For those who wish to review the quarter's lessons, the Standard Commentary carries a "Quarterly Quiz," complete with questions (and answers) on each of the thirteen sessions. This volume should prove more than adequate for the teacher who has but one thought in mind — presenting the lesson from a Biblical standpoint. For those who find the average commentaries a little "dry," or "dull," this one will be a welcome relief.

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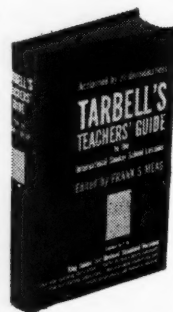
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As an experiment, a return postcard was inserted into every copy of the 1960 Tarbell's Teachers' Guide, asking the recipients to state their opinion of the Guide . . . what they liked or disliked about it, and what changes they would suggest. The cards poured back, and the majority voted to leave it just as it is and not change a thing!

But several good ideas were presented, some of which have been adopted this year, and others to come later. One of these was for the addition of maps, so instead of blank end papers, this volume presents two beautifully colored maps showing First Century Palestine and the Missionary Journeys of Paul.

The Lessons for 1961 include fourteen on the "Gospel of John," twelve on "Biblical Wisdom and Ethical Problems," from Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Ephesians and James. During the third quarter the theme is "Personalities From The New Testament," and for the fourth quarter it is "Christian Growth."

Something different from former years, which originated in the 1959 edition, is being continued in 1960 . . . the inclusion of the text in the Revised Standard Version, parallel with the King James Version. Many *Defender* readers will not care for this feature, however. It will be recalled that the Revised Standard Version (which is copyrighted by the National Council of Churches), has met with the extreme disapproval of many religious groups.

Following the Scripture in both versions is the Memory Selection for the week, then a list of Home Daily Bible Readings. The Historical and Geographical Background has been enlarged. This is followed by two pages of Notes on the Printed Text and Suggestions to Teachers.

The remainder of the helps is developed as Topics for Young People and Adults, with a section helpful in teaching Intermediates and Seniors. A list of questions to hand out to the students to inspire study for the next week's lesson is another helpful feature.

Also included in the Tarbell's Teachers' Guide is a wealth of illustrative material, which can make it invaluable, not only to the Bible teacher, but to the minister or any Christian public speaker.

Finally, nine pages list audio-visual material which is suitable for illustrating every lesson of the fifty-two. Both films and filmstrips, some in color and others in black and white, are available . . . together with addresses of the producers, and some suggestions as to their use.

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Became the son of Pharaoh's daughter (*Exodus 2:10*)

Came into the royal family (*Exodus 2: 10*)

Delivered by the power of God (*Exodus 2:6*)

Educated in the wisdom of the Egyptians (*Acts 7:22*)

Fought for his people (*Exodus 2:11,12*)

Gave up his position to save his life (*Exodus 2:15*)

Had forty years schooling in the desert (*Acts 7:30*)

Instructed by God to make a Tabernacle (*Acts 7:44*)

Joined himself to Zipporah (*Exodus 2: 21*)

Kept Jethro's sheep (*Exodus 3:1*)

Looked to the burning bush (*Exodus 3:2*)

Made a move to find out about it (*Exodus 3:3*)

Needed to take off his shoes (*Exodus 3:5*)

Oppressed nation ready for deliverance (*Exodus 2:7-9*)

Prepared to fulfill God's commission (*Exodus 4:18*)

Questioned about it first (*Exodus 3:11; 4:10,13*)

Received help from Aaron (*Exodus 4: 13,16*)

Started out with him from Egypt (*Exodus 4:20*)

Testified to Pharaoh through the plagues (*Exodus 5; and on*)

Undertook to lead the people to the Promised Land (*Exodus 4:30,31*)

Vaunted not himself (*Numbers 12:3*)

Worked wonders with the rod of God (*Exodus 5; and on*)

Exhibited great patience and leadership (*Psalms 77:20*)

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

December 18, 1960

CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE

The Key Word: Ashes

How expressive was this type of the atoning death of the Son of God. The Victim in His case too was reduced to ashes. We see as clearly on the cross on which was stretched His lifeless body, that the work of atonement was finished, and that a complete satisfaction had been made to God for human sin, as the priest saw in the ashes on the altar how entirely the sacrifice had met with the Divine approval and acceptance.

As the ashes were laid beside the altar for a while, so the body of Jesus remained upon the cross some time after death, exposed to the idle and mocking gaze of the multitude, but most precious in the sight of Him whose law He had magnified and made honorable by His obedience unto death.

As the ashes, further, were placed on the east side of the altar, because from that quarter the bright light of the morning sun arose — a natural symbolism common to nearly all religions, Christians, Mohammedans, and pagans alike turning to the east in prayer, and laying their dead and building their sacred shrines in that direction — so the Sun of Righteousness rose from that point of the compass, and cast back the light of the glory of the resurrection upon all the incidents and circumstances of His death.

The radiance of the rising sun shone on the ashes beside the Jewish altar, making it manifest that the lamb had been entirely consumed; the sun rose upon the morning of the Sabbath after Christ's crucifixion upon a cross from which the slain Lamb of God had been taken away, and upon a sepulchre nigh at hand, wherein had lain the body of Him who was the end of the law for righteousness.

And lastly, as the Jewish priests carried the ashes of the sacrifice without the camp into a clean place, so the body of Jesus was laid outside the city of

Jerusalem in a new sepulchre wherein no man had ever before been laid. His grave was in a garden which was close to Golgotha, where He was crucified. Truly God gave great beauty for ashes in that garden sepulchre!

There is a beautiful thing which comes out more distinctly if we follow the American Revised Version, and read it as "to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

There we have two contrasted pictures suggested, one of a mourner with grey ashes strewn upon his disheveled locks, and his spirit clothed in gloom, like a black robe; and to him there comes One who, with gentle hand, smooths the ashes out of his hair, trains a garland round his brow, anoints his head with oil, and, stripping off the trappings of woe, casts about him a bright robe fit for a guest at a festival. That is the miracle that Jesus Christ can do for everyone, and is ready to do for us, if we will let Him.

The Key Verse: Matthew 11:28

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"The Great Invitation" needs to be placed alongside the "Great Commission." Each one reaches out into all the world and to every creature in all nations and times.

Our homes are so small we cannot invite many people to share them with us. But sometimes our hearts are still smaller as we seek to justify ourselves in our selfish exclusion of those we do not like. Even among those whom we

like we are not able to reach far because our means are so limited.

No one but God could issue an invitation to all the world. No one else would have enough love to offer redemption and restored fellowship. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

All men belong to God by creation and by the inherent right of God, but men have rebelled against their Creator. The way has been hard for the transgressor. Weary and heavy laden, sinful man turns his thoughts toward his heavenly home. God, in His mercy, invites man to return to Him.

The invitation Jesus uttered is the invitation of God, yet throughout this marvelous declaration, the first person is dominant. "Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek . . . My yoke . . . my burden . . ."

The Key Fact: Christ Exemplified Compassion

Justin Martyr, one of the earliest writers, in his "Apology" to the heathen in behalf of the Christian, says:

"We who once hated and murdered one another, we who would not enjoy the hearth in common with strangers on account of the difference of our customs, now live in common with them, since the appearance of Christ; we pray for our enemies; we seek to persuade those who hate us unjustly, that they may direct their lives according to the glorious doctrines of Christ, and may share with us the joyful hope of enjoying the same privileges from God, the Lord of all things."

Can we honestly say that as Christians we meet the high standards as set by Justin Martyr above? How long has it been since we prayed for those who spitefully used us, those who disagreed with us, those whom we feel have wronged us?

How often do we go out of our way to befriend the friendless, to cultivate the lonely, to cheer the sorrowing? Do we not instead find ourselves seeking out the popular person, the happy individual? Oftentimes those who are in real need of our friendship wait in vain, for a simple effort which we postpone putting forth! What an indictment of the Christian of today!

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GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

The Key Word: *Afraid*

We can learn a great lesson from this experience of the shepherds . . . that a scene may open in darkness and fright, but end in the greatest prosperity and advantage.

These shepherds were alarmed and startled; but how soon their consternation ended in exultation and jubilee. Those shepherds may in their time have had many a fierce combat with wolves, and seen many strange appearances of eclipse, or aurora, or star-shooting. But those shepherds never saw so exciting an evening as that night when the angel came.

And so it often is that a scene of trouble and darkness ends in angelic tones of mercy and of blessing. That commercial disaster that you thought would ruin you for ever, made for you a fortune.

Jacob's loss of Joseph opened for him the granaries of Egypt for his famine-struck family. Saul, by being unhorsed, became the trumpet-tongued apostle to the Gentiles. The ship splitting in the breakers of Melita sent up with every fragment on which the two hundred and seventy-six passengers escaped to the beach the announcement that God will deliver His ambassadors.

The British tax on tea was the first chapter in the Declaration of American Independence. Famine in Ireland roused that nation to the culture of other kinds of products.

Out of pestilence and plague the hand of medical science produced miracles of healing. It was through bereavement many were led to Christ. The Hebrew children, cast into the furnace, were only closeted with the Son of God walking beside them, the flames only lighting up the splendor of His countenance.

And at midnight, while you were watching your flocks of cares, and sorrows, and disappointments, the angel of God's deliverance flashed upon your soul, crying, "Fear not. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

If it were possible to take a survey of each *Defender* reader, it would show that through great darkness, you came to light, through defeat, you came to victory, through falling down, you rose up again, and your greatest misfortunes, and trials, and disasters have been your grandest illumination.

The Key Verse: Luke 2:11

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Those who have traveled in mountainous countries know how the highest crest of the mountain range is always known by seeing from that point, and that point only, the streams dividing on either side.

Even so it is with the event of this day. The whole, or nearly the whole, history of the ancient world, and specially of the Israelite people, leads us up to it as certainly on the one side, as the whole history of later times, especially of the Christian world, leads us up to it from the other side.

Other events there are which explain particular portions of history; other birthdays can be pointed out; other characters have arisen which contain within themselves the seed of much that was to follow.

But there is none which professes like this to command both views at once, and thus, even if we knew no more concerning it, we should feel that a life and character which so explains two dispensations comes to us with a double authority. Either would be enough to constitute a claim to our reverence; both together make a claim almost irresistible.

The Key Fact: *God Speaks To Busy People*

Moses received his credentials as the legate of the Almighty and the lawgiver of a new nation while keeping the flocks of Jethro. Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press when the angel brought him his commission, and the enemies of Israel fled before "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

Saul going to seek his father's herds found a kingdom for himself; and Samuel waited to anoint David while they fetched him from "those few sheep in the wilderness."

Elisha was ploughing when "Elijah passed by" and cast the mantle of prophecy upon him, and Amos among the herdsmen of Tekoa saw God's judgments upon Philistia and Tyre.

It was while Zacharias "executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course" that the angel Gabriel brought him "joy and gladness," and all mankind the earnest of a new and glorious dispensation — and the first mortals that ever heard "the sons of God shouting for joy" were a band of shepherds watching their flocks on the Judean hills.

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LESSON NUMBER THREE

January 1, 1961

THE ETERNITY OF CHRIST

The Key Word: Life

To know the scope of the Word, we begin with life in its lowest and simplest forms, as it is seen in the Arctic moss or the ooze brought up from the sea depths by the *Challenger*.

Even in such lower forms the physiologist cannot tell us what life is, nor the microscopist, nor the chemist, nor the wisest philosopher. They can tell us the signs of it, and the laws according to which it is continued or extinguished; but that is about all.

From the lowest and simplest we pass upwards, through one order of being after another, till we come to man, in whom life reveals itself so much more marvelously, in sense, intellect, emotion, conscience, will.

We mark how different a thing it is in varying cases: to the unlettered peasant and the man of profound and various culture; to the playful child and the grey-haired saint, ready to enter the perfect kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

In this passage the term "life" is not to be restricted to any single province, wide or narrow, "physical," "moral," "spiritual," or "eternal," but is to be taken in the whole breadth of its significance.

Besides the marvel and mystery of life in its nature and infinitely various forms, there is also its immensity of volume — all that is, all that has been, in air, and earth, and sea.

As an illustration of the impossibility of dealing with this aspect of the case, a single fact may be selected from the microscopic researches of Ehrenberg: one cubic inch of the hardened clay called *tripoli* he found to contain between forty and fifty thousand millions of the silicious fossil shells of *infusoria*. In presence of such a fact our minds are utterly helpless to conceive the extent of life, even in this little globe that we inhabit.

All the life of creation, so vast in its sum, so wonderful and glorious, from the life that lasts only a summer evening to that of the archangel who bows before the eternal throne — all that life, the Evangelist John tells us, "was in Him."

He is the Fount whence it has all proceeded. Being in Him, the outcome was a necessity. If there is life in the

vine, it comes out in branch, and leaf, and grape cluster. So with the life that was in the Word: it has come out in the vast and varied life of creation.

Because in Him was life, therefore this is a living world, and not a mere material and ponderable ball, or a world of automatons, destitute of understanding and volition. All the life of which we have any knowledge is the out-blossoming and fruiting of the life that was in Him.

The Key Verse: John 1:12

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name."

Christ came into the world with but one purpose in mind, to seek admission to the human heart as a lawful and everlasting tenant. With Him there, our salvation from sin is assured.

The reception of the Saviour in the heart is followed by sonship. There is a natural sonship pertaining to all men; for we are all His offspring. There is a special, redemptive, restored sonship bestowed on only those who receive Christ.

All that pertains to this sonship is supernatural. Adam was not a son by blood, nor by the will of the flesh, but by the will of God; and a restored son is as marvelous a creation as Adam.

This sonship involves a new birth and elevation to the highest possible position. This is the field of safety in which the believer resides. We receive Christ in faith, allowing Him to take up residence in our hearts, to motivate our deeds, to impregnate our thoughts.

The Key Fact: John's Gospel Reveals Christ's Divinity

A woman was talking one day with a noted pastor. She did not believe Jesus was the Son of God, although she felt He was a good man, and admired very much the teaching He had left.

Strangely enough, the pastor found this non-believer particularly fond of the sayings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John; such, for instance, as "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you."

After listening to her arguments on this particular day, the pastor suggested, "Will you go home and read again the Gospel of John, and cross out every word that intimates He is divine, and say you don't believe that and that?"

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She thought it would be a good idea, and so he gave her a small, worn Testament, and told her to mark and cut it as much as she liked. She came back in a week, as she had promised. "Well, how did you get along?" the pastor asked?

"I didn't get along at all," she replied. "The truth is, I found I had to cross out the whole of the first chapter, and I began to think, 'If it's like this, what'll become of the beautiful promises and sayings?' So I stopped and cried, 'Lord, I see it is so. I accept Thee as Son of God, my Lord and my God!'"

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

January 8, 1961

THE MIRACLE AT CANA

The Key Word: Wine

What sort of wine was being served at this wedding feast in Cana of Galilee? We know that this miracle took place a few days before the Passover, and this festival usually fell on the thirtieth of March.

The wine that was first served to the guests at the feast must therefore have been kept for six or seven months from the previous vintage. It must, in consequence, have undergone the process of fermentation, for, without this, no organic juice could have been preserved for such a length of time.

Fermentation is a natural process which takes place in all watery solutions of vegetable substances containing saccharine matters; and depends entirely upon the growth of a microscopic fungus called the yeast-plant, which develops with extreme rapidity into myriads of minute cells or vesicles, and while doing so resolves the sugar in solution into alcohol and carbonic acid gas.

The spores, or seeds, of this fungus exist in enormous quantities everywhere; and no vegetable juice can be exposed to the air for however short a time without receiving some of them; and if the temperature and other conditions be suitable, they begin at once to grow and multiply, thereby producing fermentation and liberating alcohol.

Even in ripe grapes, while they are hanging on the vine, this yeast-fungus is often developed, causing vinous fermentation. It is impossible, therefore, to produce an infusion of grapes from which these ubiquitous germs are absent — unless the juice is boiled and the vessel hermetically sealed; and even then, so tenacious are they of life, we

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cannot be sure that we have got rid of them, as Pasteur's researches abundantly testify.

Wherever these germs are present, the process of fermentation begins, and is carried on with greater or less rapidity according to the temperature. In a warm climate it goes on with extraordinary vigor. There is no such thing, therefore, as unfermented wine. The juice of the grape when immediately squeezed out may be so called; but if it is kept for a few days under ordinary circumstances, it inevitably undergoes the vinous fermentation.

The Key Verse: John 2:4

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

Just as Jesus assured Mary in the Temple that He must be about His Father's business, so now He tells her that a higher motive than a mother's authority must regulate the manifestations of His glory.

The blessings of heaven are bestowed, not according to a capricious favoritism, but according to a fixed principle of Divine government.

At first sight, His reply seems repellent, but it must be understood that in those days the term "woman" was a title of respect. When the true dignity of woman is recognized, that is the best name by which she can be known. Emperors have called their queens by this name, and Jesus used it in His tenderest message on the cross.

He avoided calling Mary His mother for the same reason that He refused to acknowledge Joseph as His Father. Henceforth He was not to be known as her Son, but as the Son of the Eternal Father. Regardless of the seeming severity of Jesus' reply, Mary's feelings were not hurt, as is seen from her expectant words to the servants.

The Key Fact: Christ Transforms

Christ made wine of water; not wine without water. It is not the nature of His work to make a new order of creatures for saints, or a new order of faculties for religion, or a new planet for that future world wherein dwelleth righteousness; but it is His office to take the common man as he is, and the heavens and earth which now are, and by a new and supernatural putting forth of power upon them, to evolve from the one a pure, holy, and royal being, and for the other a fitting home and dominion for him for ever.

Precious as are those living jewels of His which the Saviour eventually gathers into the glorious cabinet of the world

to come, they are in their origin mere men and women, of like passions with ourselves — ordinary humanity ennobled and transformed by supernatural grace into eternal kings and priests.

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ments and results, is simply the miraculous power of Jesus made effective in and upon the common elements of nature — the gladdening transfiguration of the common into the noble, the sinful into the holy, the earthly into the heavenly.



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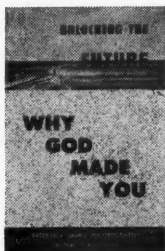
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THE GOSPEL MADE PLAIN

The Key Word: Nicodemus

Every Bible student, from the youngster in the Primary Department at Sunday School, to the grandmother singing to her daughter's new babe, is familiar with the character of Nicodemus.

First, he was an inquirer. Reports had reached the teachers and rulers concerning Christ which startled them. A man not educated in their schools, nor sent forth with their authority, an obscure person of peasant origin, was preaching doctrines not included in their systems, and doing works to which they were not equal. Nicodemus, one of them, came to inquire of Christ personally as to these things.

Second, he was a cautious man. There are some who are carried about with every wind of doctrine. Nothing astonishes us more than the ease with which men take up a new religion except the ease with which they lay it down. Not so with Nicodemus. He knew that Judaism was of God, and that Judaism prophesied a Messiah with which Christ did not seem to correspond. Yet Christ's miracles appeared to authenticate His mission. But before accepting Him, he would inquire further.

Third, he was an intelligent man. Education does not always enlarge the mind. Religious education sometimes tends to bigotry. But this man was an independent thinker, and claimed the right of private judgment. His large mental capacity had been cultured to appreciate evidence and to weigh words. Consequently Christ reveals to him more advanced truths.

Fourth, he was an earnest man. He had been occupied with his official duties during the day, and now he treads the lonely dark streets, uncertain whether Christ would receive him. He desired a long, calm, uninterrupted interview with this Man. He boldly acknowledged Christ's Divine mission, and pursued his inquiries into the meaning of Christ's words.

Fifth, he was a courageous man. Later during Christ's ministry (John 7:50),

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Nicodemus stood up, in the midst of the Saviour's implacable enemies, to speak a wise word for Him. At the Cross, he took his stand with the Crucified, whose disciples were scattered, whose cause was discredited and whose name was a mockery. He ran some risk, knew little of Him compared with what we know, took His body reverently from the cross, and buried Him. Such was Nicodemus.

The Key Verse: John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We often hear of counter currents, but was there ever such a counter current as is implied here!

One of the most important and wonderful ocean currents is the Gulf Stream. It takes its rise in the Gulf of Mexico and sweeps across through the heart of the mighty Atlantic to the Arctic Seas; and by its strong currents, more rapid than that of the Mississippi, it engulfs every other ocean stream that comes athwart its course, making it tributary to its own grand mission of washing the shores and ameliorating the climate of the sea-bound countries of Europe.

"For God so loved the world." His love is a mighty stream of warm, generous commiseration sweeping with mighty force towards that moral Arctic Sea sin has made of our world.

And such was the strength of the current that it swept into its own bosom the mighty stream of God's love of com-

placency towards His only begotten Son, so that He was borne on its bosom into this world, where, by suffering and death, He became "the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him."

The Key Fact: Christ Is Our Salvation

Some years ago a man had been condemned in a Spanish court to be shot, but being an American citizen and also of English birth, the consuls of the two countries interposed, and declared that the Spanish authorities had no power to put him to death.

What did they do to secure his life when their protest was not sufficient? They wrapped him up in their flags, they covered him with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack, and defied the executioners.

"Now fire a shot if you dare, for if you do so, you defy the nations represented by those flags, and you will bring the powers of those two great empires upon you."

There stood the man, and before him the soldiery, and though a single shot might have ended his life, yet he was as invulnerable as though encased in triple steel.

Even so Jesus Christ has taken our poor, guilty souls ever since we first believed on Him, and has wrapped around us the blood-red flag of His atoning sacrifice, and before God can destroy us, or any other soul that is wrapped in the atonement, He must insult His Son and dishonor His sacrifice, and that He will never do!

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GET INTO SHAPE AND STAY THERE!

"I'VE NEVER had a sick day in my life."

Are people who boast this really as healthy as they think?

Millions of Americans are daily victims of a disease which they understand little about — chronic fatigue. According to Dr. Dwight Murray, former President of the American Medical Association, most of us are slowly killing ourselves through neglect. The average man simply "doesn't take a day-by-day concern for his own well-being," says Dr. Murray.

That good, healthful feeling is the result of many little things. A little action like tying your shoes can help to build taut muscles, a little fish like the Maine Sardine, can be a vital nutrient for staying in shape.

Perhaps the closest approach to the "ideal" health program is that made by professional athletes. The emergence of professional sports as big business has led to important advances in knowledge of physical fitness.

An authority on fitness, baseball trainer Frank Wiechec, who has helped keep many stars of the mound in perfect physical condition, has this to say about the art of getting into shape and staying there:

"Any professional athlete will tell you that his career rises and falls with his diet and his legs. Those underpinnings are what give him the speed and stamina to face the rigors of the sports grind. That's why we place so much emphasis on running during spring training and throughout the regular season."

Mr. Wiechec would not advise the average business man to race to work every morning as though he were running out a two base hit. But he does offer some tips guaranteed not to leave you "out on a limb." By following them, you'll take a basic "step" toward his next rule of health — correct breathing.

1. *Accelerate your walking pace.* A brisk walk, with head up, shoulders back, chest forward and spine straight, develops the lungs and chest and cleanses the blood with oxygen. By adopting a gait that is just short of a run, you

stimulate the appetite for nourishing food and improve breathing.

2. *Be athletic.* Nothing tones up those leg muscles like indoor games such as squash and badminton. By all odds the best conditioner is outdoor tennis. And if you live in a community where road traffic permits, take up bike riding.

3. *Perform the "shoelace trick."* You don't have to be a Robin Roberts to do this one. While dressing in the morning, balance on one foot as you bend the knee of the other leg upward to put on your shoes and tie the laces. You may have to brace yourself, but it's worth the trouble. Daily repetition of this exercise will tighten your stomach and give you stronger limbs.

Correct Breathing

Trainer Wiechec and other authorities on physical education concur that most of us don't even know how to breathe correctly. If you're winded by climbing a flight of stairs, it's time to stir up your diaphragm which, next to the heart, is the most important organ in your body. Some tips:

1. *Practice breathing and stretching exercises.* On awakening, slowly stretch each muscle in your body and feel the blood tingle. Raise each leg high in bed. These exercises shake out the folds in the lung tissue and give the diaphragm a workout.

2. *Try the "nose test."* As you lie half awake in the morning, take the deepest breath you can. Then close your mouth, pinch your nose shut, and lie still. When you finally let your breath out, you'll be wide awake.

3. *Don't wait for the elevator.* You can turn your office building into a gymnasium with no embarrassment to you or onlookers by performing this simple exercise — walk up at least two floors, and down three! Practice this moderate daily trick, and you'll find your whole body thanking you for it.

Diet

"Ball players have to watch their waistlines and nutrition intake like anybody else," trainer Wiechec declares, "and more than one promising rookie

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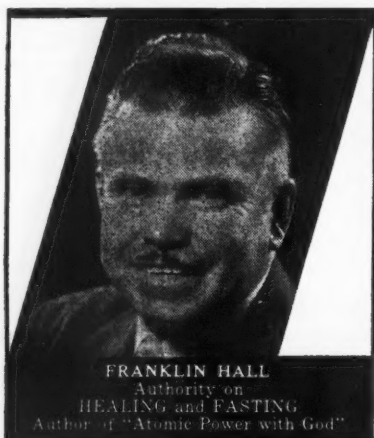
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has eaten himself out of the profession." He recommends:

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Fats and sweets, taken in moderation, supply that needed lift. Sardines are especially healthful, for they are high in quality protein content, but low in fat compared with most other proteins of equal quantity.

2. *Stay away from fad diets.* "Miracle" diets can be dangerous, psychologically as well as physically. If you are overweight, consult your doctor. He may tell you that you're one of those people who feels "better off" that way.

Relaxation

"The next time you see a game," says trainer Wiechec, "notice how the best ball players conserve their energy on the field. Not a trace of wasted motion." While few of us are called upon for the stamina needed in a double header, we can all benefit by these Wiechec tips on relaxation:

1. *Learn to let the world go by.* Your work at the office will improve if you take short breaks of two to three minutes throughout the day. Loosen your necktie and shoestrings, put your feet up on a chair, and forget the job at hand. You'll find yourself returning to it with renewed zest.

2. *Free your mind through new activities.* That "bushed" feeling often results from a spiritual, not physical, let-down. You tire yourself by going through the same routine every day. Develop new interests — reading, prayer, hobbies, civic activities.

3. *Get enough sleep.* Enough is as much as you need to wake up refreshed and capable of a vigorous day's work. It may be eight hours, somewhat more or a lot less. On mornings when you can't drag yourself out of bed, yawn a little — the accompanying stretch stimulates circulation. Curiously enough, the same trick helps put you to sleep at night. A pre-dinner nap eases tensions, helps digestion, and tapers you toward a healthful night's sleep.

Moderate exercise, correct breathing, proper diet, and gentle relaxation — put them all together and they spell a healthy You who'll hit a home run every time up — in home, office, church, and social life.

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YOUR LAST DAY ON EARTH!

"What would you do with your day, if you knew it was the last one for you on this earth?" queried a columnist of his readers in a western paper. From the readers three replies came back, to this effect.

One woman said she would hurry to an Eye Bank and donate her good eyes so that some blind person could see again.

A man in his thirties, who was attempting to be a model husband and father, said he would try to crowd all the adventures he could into that day to make up for the years he had been tied down!

A third reader said he would give his business and will whatever legal attention they needed for his loved ones' welfare. Then, he would call his family together and have a reunion, leaving the tears for later, if possible.

"Above all else," he added, "I would see that my heart was right with God." He then added in brackets that he was glad his heart was right with God and that he would never want to wait until the last day for that important decision.

He concluded, "Then I'd repeat to my family from the Good Book the Scripture: 'It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment,' so they too would accept Christ and know a peaceful way of heart."

Here was a wise man, with a true ideal of how to face the great last day of earth's pilgrimage. A correct relationship to God is more essential than anything else in life, whether one has only one more day to live or fifty more years ahead of him.

We cannot live in the past; the present is now expiring and leaving us, even as the sun is hastening toward its setting. The future, then, holds everything; but alas! neither can one live in the future.

No one ever yet died in the future. It is today that counts; but today can only be lived as it has been planned in what was yesterday's tomorrow! Today's living governs tomorrow's dying, for it is impossible to live wrong and die right, just as it is impossible to live right and die wrong.

Tomorrow will soon be yesterday. Let us make them both happy by living right today!

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WE MAY BURY OURSELVES!

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WHEN Nikita Khrushchev told Richard Nixon that they would bury us, he was telling nothing new. Stalin, and Lenin before him, recognized that Communism as they knew it could never win control over the world unless they first destroyed what they called "Capitalism."

Khrushchev merely accepted and followed through on their thinking. As did the group of leaders through whom each of the Russian dictators rules that country.

When Khrushchev was over here he was asked to clarify the statement. He told us straight to our faces that they did intend to establish Communism over Capitalism as the ruling system of the world through economic competition. They would bury us through the triumph of Communism over our Western Capitalism as a way of life.

Bear in mind, please, he still holds to the tenet that the world cannot hold both of these systems as controlling systems. One must win over the other, and he is so sure that Communism will win that he dares to tell us that they will bury us.

It was Abraham Lincoln who warned us that if ever the United States is destroyed it will not be from the outside, but from the inside, by a process of suicide. And the events of the past twenty-five years demonstrate that what Abraham Lincoln warned us against is actually in process of coming to pass. We are destroying ourselves.

Our very prosperity seduced us into an ever-spreading search after "something for nothing." Our austere forebears, winning a hard livelihood from rock-infested soil, developed qualities of self-reliance, endurance and initiative that spurred our population westward to win a continent even as industry de-



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veloped in the areas they left behind them.

With the increased production of goods per capita, there was more food, more clothing and more of everything else, to say nothing of the myriad of new products that further enriched our rising standard of living.

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There were some bad spots, of course. Not all men benefitted as they should, and the too-rapid rise of industry brought some tragedies in its wake. But, on the whole, it was a tremendous achievement and led a once thoroughly self-reliant people to seek more and more help from government, as they encountered occasional setbacks on their march.

The desire of "something for nothing," and the increasing reliance on government to solve our economic problems and relieve us of the consequences of our mistakes, have brought us, step by step, to accept collectivism as the answer to our economic and political problems.

"Let the Government do it," is a slogan that spells ultimate disaster. The agility with which government has seized that opportunity points to another danger, the yearning of men for power over each other.

Hitler and the rest won power over their people by offering easy remedies in exchange for freedom. We have done the same thing, under other names, and the result is the same, whether it is called Fascism, Nazism, Communism or the Welfare States. It means increasing control of our economic life by government, the triumph of collectivism.

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